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When the seasons meet and warm spring sunshine covers northern New England's ski trails skiers can peel off their jackets and get the first of their summer tan with the last of their winter sports. Mount Mansfield, Vt., is a popular skiing spot.



"Majestic" is the word called to mind by the spruce, fir and white pine-covered mountains and the crystal-blue lakes at the Balsams, Dixville Notch, N. H.

This is New England



Historic Marblehead, Mass., is a sailor's paradise where the first spring days see many boats coming out of hibernation to be scraped, cleaned, painted, and prepared by loving skippers for summer hours on the ocean and for the famous Marblehead races.



There are many ways of deciding when spring has arrived—when the calendar reads March 21, when baseball reports begin coming from the south, or when pink and white apple blossoms like those shown here cover New England.

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THE COVER . . . While the subject of the front cover is certainly on the serious side, the *Topics* staff and its artist waxed a bit facetious when it came to design. Maybe it was just a case of "sun spots." But whatever it was, here's how it works. With a bit of care the reader can remove the silver leaf emblem and with proper exercise of imagination can make devious uses of it. The reader is invited to write or call the *Topics* editors if he needs help.

BLUE CROSS . . . The Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., and the New Hampshire-Vermont Hospitalization Service have announced that effective June 1, Blue Cross service will be liberalized and Blue Cross rates will be increased.

Employees now subscribing to the service should, not later than April 25, sign and forward new payroll deduction cards through their supervisors. On these cards they can authorize the Company to withhold payment according to the new rates or to cancel their subscriptions.

Employees should direct any inquiries to their supervisors.

TELEPHONE

A Public

THE responsibility vested in telephone people by the public they serve is colorfully portrayed in a new Company emblem that will be made available to employees during the month of April.

Bearing the heads in profile of a telephone man and woman and



NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
50 OLIVER STREET
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J. E. HARRELL
PRESIDENT

March 13, 1947

To All Officers and Department Heads:

Since the time when the telephone became an integral part of the life of our nation and its people, the telephone industry has been marked by the unselfishness, courage and loyalty of those who have carried on its work.

Those who pioneered the industry were fully aware of the importance of their work and have handed down to those who followed in their footsteps a heritage--the public trust of providing telephone service.

There has never been any doubt that our Company has the full responsibility of providing telephone service that contributes to safeguarding the public welfare and security. The Company's objectives and policies are directed toward the fulfillment of that public trust. It is only when every telephone man and woman reflects those objectives and policies in his or her daily assignments that the responsibility for that trust is achieved.

Beginning Wednesday, April 9, 1947 all new employees and those with less than five years of service will be presented pins symbolizing telephone service as a public trust. A poster program featuring individual and collective acts of all employees that demonstrate the spirit of telephone service will also begin at that time.

It is hoped by bringing home to telephone people the responsibility they assumed to the public when they became telephone people that the thousands of younger folks who have joined us during the past few years will, like their fellow workers, become properly imbued with the spirit of service.

J. E. Harrell
President

SERVICE

Trust

the words "Telephone Service—A Public Trust," the emblem done in sterling silver symbolizes the role played by telephone people in providing the service that contributes to safeguarding the lives and welfare of the public.

As President J. E. Harrell declared in a recent letter to officers and department heads, the history of the telephone industry is marked

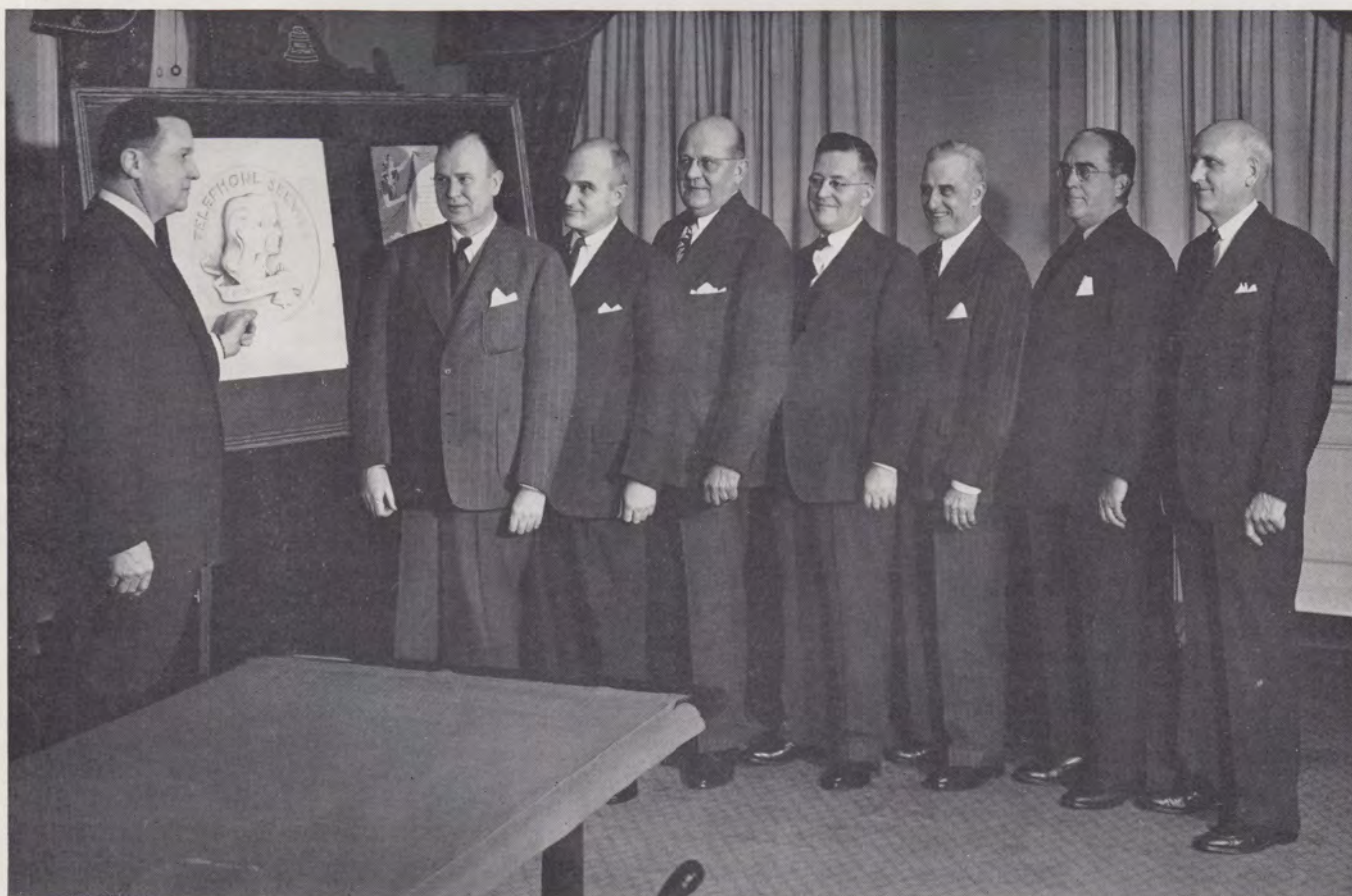
with the unselfish, courageous and loyal acts of telephone men and women. The spirit of telephone service has become a tradition and rightly so.

Many years ago the public vested in telephone people the responsibility of safeguarding their welfare and security. Like doctors, policemen, firemen and others whose obligation it is to fulfill that re-

sponsibility, telephone people have always placed their loyalty and devotion to telephone service above their own immediate and personal desires. It is from the loyalty of telephone men and women to their public trust that the spirit of service has sprung.

Beginning on April 9 all new employees and those with less than five years of service will be presented the new Company pins by their supervisors.

Coincident with the emblem presentation a poster program featuring individual and collective acts demonstrating the spirit of telephone service will begin. These posters will appear on Company bulletin boards periodically and will recognize the outstanding acts of telephone men and women.



ACCENT ON RESPONSIBILITY

The importance of telephone men and women being fully aware at all times of their responsibility to the public they serve was emphasized by President J. E. Harrell at a recent meeting in the Directors' Room. Taking part in the discussion were: Vice

President Thomas M. Hennessey, Vice President and General Manager Erskine N. White, Chief Engineer James W. Thompson, General Commercial Manager John C. Carraher, General Plant Manager John G. Daley, General Traffic Manager Henry E. Darling and Comptroller Joseph A. Griffin.

Bell Centennial Celebrated by Life Members Throughout the Company



Timothy L. Mahoney, Gen. Plant, plays Bell teaching the deaf. Nellie G. Cutter, retired from A. T. & T., plays his pupil.



Above: An over-all view of the guests attending the luncheon at the Bradford.



Below: Barber shop quartet includes, left to right: D. P. Tousignant, O. G. Richards, Walter Johnson and William Powers.

General Manager of WBZ-WBZA is W. C. Swartley, above.

L. to r., below: Vice-President and Gen. Mgr. E. N. White, Vice President T. M. Hennessey and President J. E. Harrell.



Charles E. Ames, Secretary-Treasurer, Sherwin Chapter, addresses the gathering.

EVERY employee and past employee of the telephone company in New England paused at least once during the day on March 3, 1947, to remember that it was the 100th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Graham Bell. To celebrate the centennial the Life Members Association, Telephone Pioneers of America, sponsored fourteen luncheons throughout the Company, the largest of which was staged at the Bradford Hotel and attended by 400 guests. Each Life Member was presented a portrait of Mr. Bell and a radio address by President Joe E. Harrell over WBZ-WBZA at 1:30 was carried over special telephone wire to each luncheon.

"We who carry on the telephone business today," said Mr. Harrell, "hold dearly all that Alexander Graham Bell was and did. The desire to serve others, the urge always to pioneer, the telephone itself—all these make up our inheritance from him. It is a heritage which you Life Members in the Telephone Pioneers received from the Pioneers who preceded you and which you faithfully passed on to us who are still active in telephone work. We in our turn will hand it on to those coming after us. This living chain—to guarantee continued progress in the telephone art—will perpetuate the unique bequest made to the world by Alexander Graham Bell who was born 100 years ago today."

The broadcast also featured a re-enactment of the first two-way telephone conversation over an outdoor line from Boston to Cambridge, October 9, 1876.

Bell was still working to perfect the invention and had permission from the Walworth Manufacturing Company to use their private tele-

graph wire running from Boston to Cambridge. The conversation that Watson and Bell had was re-enacted on the broadcast over a direct telephone line that was installed to the Crown Cork and Seal Company plant, located on the site of the old Walworth factory. For the Boston end of conversation a direct line to the present offices of the Walworth Company was installed at 430 Summer Street.

Bell was played by Gordon S. Wallace, former Toll Testman at Milk Street who retired March 7 after 47 years with the Company. Watson was played by Charles F. Fellows of the Sales Department of the Walworth Company who has been a member of that firm for 52 years. His father was working with Walworth at the old plant at the time of the actual experiment.

After the broadcast the movie, "Mr. Bell," was shown to each gathering.

The regular Monday night broadcast of "The Telephone Hour" featured a sketch of Mr. Bell's life starring Raymond Massey and an address by American Tel. & Tel. Co. President Walter S. Gifford who said, "It was my good fortune to know him and to gain a personal sense of how great a man he was. I first met him in 1917 when he was seventy years old. I was at once impressed by his charming personality, his wisdom, his enthusiasm and his inquiring interests in the world about him. Yet uppermost in my memory of Mr. Bell is the recollection of his great kindness and his concern for the welfare of others. To me, it is a happy and inspiring thing that in the character of the inventor of the telephone, we should find just those human qualities that contribute most to the character of telephone service. His spirit of service has lighted the way for telephone men and women everywhere, and has become a tradition with us in the Bell System. This tradition is our most appropriate memorial to the man we honor in this centennial year of his birth."

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This display of the highlights of Bell's life appeared in the lobby of the Bradford Hotel.

A. M. Dittmer, President, Life Member Assoc., watches as Harold E. Fasick, 1st Vice-President, Sherwin Chapter, speaks to the guests.



Charles F. Fellows takes the part of Watson on the broadcast as Charles W. MacQueston, Sales Mgr. of Crown Cork and Seal Co., watches.



Gordon S. Wallace takes the part of Bell and is timed by Wallace Brown, WBZ engineer.

President J. E. Harrell uses one of the earlier models of the telephone as Bell, impersonated by Harry Hughes, observes the procedure.





At the Worcester luncheon were, seated, left to right: Fannie Green, Nelson G. Brewer, Chairman; William L. Mason, Michele Mascia, Chandler Wilkins, Horace P. Greenwood, Thomas F. Kane, Dist. Const. Supvr.; Clarence Hutchinson, Annie Hall, Elizabeth McPartland. Standing: John A. McDonald, A. T. & T. Co.; Borden V. Marshall, Thomas W. Hennessey, Arthur E. Richards, Arthur W. Knowles, Oliver G. Hammond, John L. Morley, Thomas Ernst, John B. Reidy, Frank J. Kenney, Edwin A. McGuinness, Harold T. Sargent, Charles H. Bauer, Dist. Mgr.; Samuel F. Taylor, Edward M. Stimets, Dist. Traf. Supt.; Warren G. Field, Dist. Plant Engr.

Bell Centennial Celebrated By Life Members

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The Life Members luncheon in Providence was held at the Biltmore. Seated at the head table, left to right: Francis A. Barrett, Div. Mgr. and Vice-President, McLellan Chapter; Mary J. Maguire, Sec.-Treas.; Henry Magee, Vice-President, Life Member Assoc.; William Galletly, President; Estelle Hachfield, Secretary; Harold E. Marr, President, McLellan Chapter.

The Montpelier luncheon held at the Montpelier Tavern included, left to right, seated: L. Martin, E. N. Sweet, H. J. Stevens, M. C. Lessor, K. M. Colombo, E. Hoit, T. Hope, H. G. Gordon, W. A. Bishop. Standing: H. E. Brand, A. Waldron, H. G. Stranahan, T. W. Hyland, R. P. Nichols, H. H. Hodgdon, L. Dawson, W. J. French, C. H. Hopkins, C. E. Reynolds, Jr., L. M. Newton, W. E. Green and A. E. Sault.



The Greenfield luncheon at the Mansion House was attended by Norma S. Behr, Bessie E. Leslie, Shelburne Falls, and Edward S. Felter, Bernardston. Guests were expected from North Adams, but the worst storm of the season blocked the Mohawk Trail. Seated: Miss Behr, Miss Greene, Mrs. Leslie. Standing: Sydney F. Spencer, Greenfield Manager, Mr. Felter, Edward H. Lyman, President, Greenfield Council.



At the Hotel Kimball, Springfield, 65 members attended. At the head table, left to right: Clark M. Wilson, Isabelle Leslie, Vice-President, Springfield; Ralph E. Jones, Division Manager; H. Leonard Hutchinson, President, Springfield; Casimir A. Marcou, Denver Chapter Past President; Arthur L. A. Butler, Sec.-Treas., Springfield Council.



The Augusta group included, back row, left to right: John J. Willihan, Henry Norris, Linn R. Wood, Manager at Waterville; Reynaldo A. L. Colby. Front row: Kate B. Stanford, Clara G. Jacques, Alice M. Brown, all Life Members.



At the Hotel Brooks, Brattleboro, Vt., back row, left to right: Leslie Ranney, A. N. Groth, Wire Chief; Frank Strong, E. A. Shephard, Harry Mailman, Manager. Front row: H. C. Shaw, C. E. Reynolds, Gladys Porter, Chief Operator; Roy M. Pollard, Master of Ceremonies.



Attending the Portland luncheon were, left to right: John M. Welch, Deane B. Small, Patrick J. Bell, Walter F. Jortberg, Francis S. Benjamin, Willard R. Philbrick and Edward H. Shaw, Portland Manager.

Rutland, Vt., Life Members at the Hotel Bardwell, left to right, seated: Mary L. Ryan, Margaret Horan, Florence Alford, Elizabeth Bacon, Mary Kelley, Traffic. Standing, left to right: George F. Parker, F. B. Flynn, Matt B. Jones Council; Norman Mitchell, Wire Chief; E. F. Sherburne, E. E. Blakely, G. W. McGrath, O. W. Lewis and H. W. Buzzell.



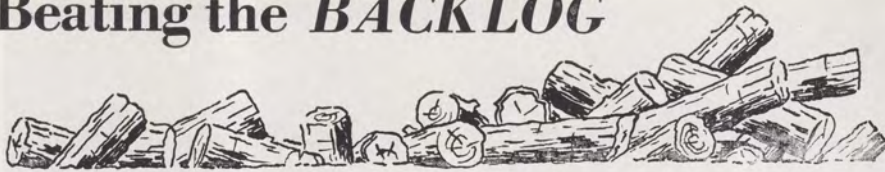
Penobscot Exchange luncheon was attended by seated: Arthur G. Vose, Homer R. Silsby, George Leavitt, Bessie E. Honey, Fred A. Scribner, Fred E. Day, George N. Faxon, Martin J. McDonough. Standing: Maurice C. Orbeton, William P. Stanyon, Earl R. McLellen, Wire Chief; Edward J. Richardson, Dist. Traf. Supvr.; Robert L. Gardenier, Dist. Plant Supvr.; Harold E. Noddin, Dist. Engr.; Frank P. Desmond, Mgr.; John Conti, Bar Harbor Mgr.; William T. Hinckley.



Fitchburg Life Members and guests at the Clover Hill Restaurant included, front row, left to right: Lilla Bamford, Margaret Heurlin, W. H. Stirling, Jr., Traf. Mgr.; Robert Hodgson, Mgr.; Deane O. Howland, Dist. Plant Supt.; W. H. Stirling, Joe Hodges, President, Denver Chapter; William L. McBride, Maintenance Supvr.; C. B. Gould, Supv. Line Foreman; H. H. Day, Unit Engr.; Helen Kellern, Susie Walsh. Second row: John R.

Schutt, Fred Gruber, Harley Brunelle, Irene McCann, Mrs. Karl-san, Dennis Toomey, Loretta Boudreau, Laura Stewart, Amanda Lyons, Bertha Spaulding, Annie H. Mulroy, Jeannie M. Gough, Walter E. Wyman, Louise Wood, Henry Kelley, Alexander McDonald. Back row: Frederick A. Watson, Roscoe J. Binford, George L. Nash, Henry Farnum, James M. Lyman, Edward Wilbur, Marjorie E. Brown, Madeline Monreau, George Webster.

Beating the *BACKLOG*



TELEPHONE people in all departments in Lowell put their heads together last September at the first signs of relief from the facilities and equipment shortages which had tied their hands for four years, and in just over five months time cleared their backlog of 3,400 held applications and put the Lowell office on a "going basis."

At a meeting of representatives from all departments, held September 23, a goal of January 11, 1947, was set when all the 3,400 telephones for which applications were being held in Lowell should be installed. Although some 800 orders were held for outside plant, as in other offices with long waiting lists, the main cause was lack of central office equipment. As this equipment had only begun to come in in Lowell, it was decided that station equipment be pre-installed and outside plant be furnished to meet the early January, 1947, date

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Another outstanding job was done by the Line Assigners Group who include, from left to right: J. L. Gilroy, K. Maddocks, Chief Line Assigner Chester O. Lindquist, L. Kelley and T. Cox.



Below is the applicant who waited longest for telephone service in Lowell. Alphonse Milinazzo, who had been waiting since November, 1943, for a better grade of service accepted a four-party line at the time of the cutover. His sister, Susan Milinazzo, is shown using their new phone.



Lowell's Central Office Maintenance force, below, includes, seated, left to right: William J. Donohoe, Bernard F. Dougherty, Supervising Switchman, and Eugene Mackie. Standing: Francis J. Qualey, John F. Honan and Daniel J. Sullivan.



Traffic girls called to check with each new subscriber when his or her service had been established. Left to right are: K. M. Jennings, M. Farley and T. Driscoll.

After telephones had been installed and the initial testing had been done, further testing when there were any difficulties was taken care of by the Repair and Test Board force. Below at the desks are, left to right: M. Chick, V. Worden, L. Learmouth and V. Cadigan. At the Test Board, left to right, are: W. Gray, M. Koahane and M. Driscoll.



Central Office Maintenance men, below, are, front row, left to right: T. B. Delaney, Jr., R. W. Ellis, W. F. Sherlock, E. J. McCabe. Standing: S. Rush-ton, C. E. Yapp, F. D. Crowe, N. D. McLoon, T. J. Cassin and B. F. Dougherty.

Above, members of the Equipment Installation force who worked on the cutover are, front row, left to right: W. Sherlock, J. F. Barbrick, A. Hankinson. Second row: J. McGarry, J. Sullivan, B. Hennessey, J. Martyn, E. McCabe, D. O'Leary and Foreman E. Hall. Back row, on the ladders: R. Wylie and J. Lee. Also R. Marchall.





These men were members of the Equipment Installation force who worked on the Lowell cut-over. The cutover, as a whole, required the use of 50 tons of mechanical equipment. Within the office alone 750,000 feet of wire was consumed in making possible the enlarged telephone service. One half million feet of wire was used in making outside connections and the cables placed into service contained 1,157 miles of copper wire and 10,000 pounds of iron wire. Standing, left to right, are: Ray Heliger, Enrico Bacchini, Donald Slocumb, Robert Smith and James Haithwaite. Kneeling, left to right: James Whittet, Howard Proctor, Aubrey O. Staples and Norman St. Laurent.



The Traffic Clerical force who handled the information records included, seated, left to right: V. Corey and P. Dancause. Standing, left to right: Jennie F. Kirwin, Chief Operator;

G. Manning, P. Nagle, M. Chick, C. Plumley, M. Maher, T. Cox, M. Morrison, L. Whirty, P. Duval and D. Jewett.



Installer-Repairmen who installed Lowell's new telephones in record-breaking time were, front row, left to right: E. Stanley, J. Conlon, G. Toy, B. Lessard, A. Nelson, T. Livingston, C. Lambert and F. Dewing. Second row, left to right: J. Morrison, C. Dirs, R. Blinkhorn, B. Joy, E. Garrity, Jr., B. Jewett and W. Desmond, Jr. Third row, left to right: P. Fay, Service Foreman; E. Roberts, Service Foreman; J.

Powers, C. Eastham, A. Connors, J. Roberts and W. Floyd, Service Foreman. Fourth row, left to right: L. Manion, C. Armstrong, T. Copley, K. Kirwin, R. Robertson, J. Towg, B. Ashworth, Jr., E. McDermott and E. Beecy. Fifth row: P. Stevens, A. Littlefield, W. Ramsay, T. Ramsay, H. Lyons, J. Donohoe and B. Desmond, Servicing Foreman.

Below are the committee and other supervisory personnel in charge of the cutover. Seated, left to right: M. Pauline Duval, Dial Clerk; Carolyn M. Plumley, Dial Clerk; Jennie F. Kirwin, Chief Operator; and Florence Tongberg, Business Office Supervisor. Standing: Bernard F. Dougherty, Supervising Switchman; George M. Glennon, Supervising Service Foreman and chairman of the committee; Lee S.

Billington, Unit Engineer; Chester O. Lindquist, Chief Line Assigner; Arthur C. Dawes, District Plant Engineer; Willis J. Weeks, Manager; Joseph P. Smith, Acting Wire Chief. Members of the committee not present when the picture was taken were: Gertrude M. Mulligan, Dial Assigner; Samuel Crown, District Construction Supervisor; and Myron T. Hunnewell, District Supply Foreman.



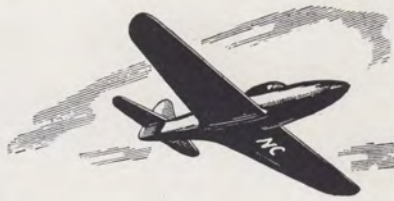
A big part of the cutover assignment went to the Line Crew above. Front row, left to right, they are: William Foster, Supervising Line Foreman; H. Neil, J. Sutherland, F. Regan, Line Foreman; H. Dexter and J. Kenyon. Second

row, left to right: M. O'Hara, L. Silk, J. Gilligan, O. Nerney, J. Quinn, A. Johnson, J. Sullivan, Line Foreman; T. Murphy, W. Patch, J. Spellissey and C. Donohoe, Line Foreman.



Members of the Cable Group active in the Lowell cut-over project are, front row, left to right: G. Spellissey, J. J. Callary, R. T. Foley, J. Barker, J. Callary, F. Meloy and E. Taff. Second row, left to right: R. Proctor, L. Queenan, W. French, S. Bernadini, W. Murray, W. Bezanson, B. Kirby, J. F. Copley, C. Coffin, M. McElligott, F. Tinney, Splicing Foreman, and E. F. Scullin, District Cable Foreman.

*Operator? Give me
NC-80215, please*



John B. Mitchell is shown making the first New England mobile radiotelephone call from an airplane to LI Berty 3927, the telephone number of Howes Bros., leather dealers.



Looking from the cabin into the pilot's compartment on the five-passenger twin-engine Beechcraft.



L. to r.: John B. Mitchell, Co-Pilot Nicholas Zichello, Pilot Ronald S. Brooks, and Wm. W. Allyn, N.E.T.&T.

AIRPLANE telephone service in New England was inaugurated significantly enough on March 3, the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone and an ardent supporter of aviation pioneers.

Making the first call from a twin-engine Beechcraft plane was John B. Mitchell, Aviation Manager of Howes Bros. Co., leather dealers and owners of the plane, who telephoned his Company's Boston office.

Also present on this half-hour test flight were Pilot Ronald S. Brooks, Co-Pilot Nicholas Zichello, and William W. Allyn, General Commercial Department Representative. Before the first call was put through, a test call was made by Mr. Allyn to the General Commercial Department at 80 Federal Street, Boston.

The Howes plane is the fifth in the United States to be equipped with mobile radiotelephone units making it possible for passengers aboard the plane to communicate with telephones located on the ground. The plane is licensed to use the facilities of our Company's ship-to-shore telephone station WOU at Green Harbor, Mass., to communicate with land telephones of the Bell System.

Service is being furnished on a trial basis using the Bendix RTA-1B, 50 watt radiotelephone set until an alternative means of communications with airplanes becomes available. The present airplane service ties in with our Company's regular switchboard and has a somewhat larger range than the automobile telephones.

Mr. Mitchell said the leather company's executives will find the mobile radiotelephone unit of great use in keeping them in "constant contact with our tanneries, offices and their homes. We have offices in Boston, Chicago and St. Louis and tanneries in West Virginia, Indiana, western Pennsylvania and Michigan," he explained. "Through other telephone companies we can contact all of these places if we are within about 200 miles of a receiving station."



At the business meeting: J. Flate, R. E. Davis, J. E. Hodges, H. E. Marr, C. E. Ames, M. Maguire, H. A. Fasick, R. K. Kanes, L. W. Weir, S. T. Cushing, E. M. Foley, Jr., R. B. Burns, J. C. Fair, W. F. Jortberg and W. F. Baker.

Guests at the head table, seated: M. Maguire, Vice President and General Mgr. E. N. White, President J. E. Harrell, R. K. Kane, S. T. Cushing, Vice President T. M. Hennessey. Standing: Vice President R. G. Bleakney and Asst. Vice President L. W. Weir.



NEW ENGLAND VACATION QUIZ

1. The average temperature in New England resort areas is 85°....69°....74°....
2. In New England, there are one.... three.... nine.... mountain peaks over a mile high.
3. Name the New England state in which each historic attraction is located: a. Bennington.... b. Webster's Birthplace.... c. Plymouth Rock.... d. Fort Western.... e. Grave of Roger Williams.... f. Home of Mark Twain....
4. Sandy ocean beaches are an attraction in six.... four.... or five.... New England states?
5. New England is a compact vacation area. But New England has 600.... 1,000.... 2,500.... miles of seacoast.
6. The best estimate of the number of lakes in New England is 2,000.... 10,000.... 800....
7. There are many miles of hiking and bridle trails in New England. My guess is 250.... 4,000.... 750 miles.
8. New England has facilities for every sport, including 25.... 100.... 600.... golf courses.

9. In New England you can drive from the seacoast to an altitude of more than 6,000 feet in 235 miles.... 420 miles.... 88 miles....
10. New England's vacation time covers a period of three.... eight.... twelve.... months.
11. Of the three following men, the first to set foot in New England was: John Smith.... Miles Standish.... Samuel de Champlain....
12. The charm of New England begins 26 miles.... 46 miles.... 66 miles.... from New York's 42nd Street.

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS

1. 69°.
2. Nine.
3. a. Vermont. b. New Hampshire. c. Massachusetts. d. Maine. e. Rhode Island. f. Connecticut.
4. Five.
5. 2,500 miles.
6. 10,000.
7. 4,000.
8. 600.
9. 88 miles.
10. 12 months.
11. Champlain.
12. 26 miles.

Regional Conference Discusses General Assembly Plans

PRESIDENTS and secretaries of Pioneer Chapters in New England met at Boston's Hotel Copley Plaza on February 27 where Rose K. Kane, Vice President of the National Association, reported on the Executive Committee meeting held recently in Atlanta, Ga. At this Regional Conference of Telephone Pioneers of America Miss Kane also outlined the program for the coming year which will feature the General Assembly in Boston next October, at which more than 350 delegates will represent Telephone companies in the United States and Canada. The Assembly will be at the Hotel Statler on October 16, 17, 18.

President Joe E. Harrell, speaking at the luncheon session, stressed the importance of Pioneer activities and endorsed the program which Miss Kane had outlined. He urged the New England Chapters to do everything possible to make the Assembly a success.

Other speakers at the luncheon were Erskine N. White, Vice President and General Manager, and Vice Presidents Robert G. Bleakney and Thomas M. Hennessey.

During the afternoon, Association Secretary Samuel T. Cushing outlined the general program the October Assembly will take. He said that the Association now has over 100,000 members.

Assistant Vice President Leon W. Weir urged the New England Chapters to stimulate membership and surpass the Association average. He called upon them to redouble their efforts in augmenting their programs and interesting those eligible for membership.

NUMBER PLEASE..

by GREGORY D'ALESSIO



"No, I am NOT tuned in to the Crunchy Cracker Quiz Hour."



"Fanelli, Smith and Weinstein . . . good morning. . ."



"Working late, eh? First time I ever heard a cow moo in Wall Street."



"Did you report a phone out of order?"



"All right, I've got the carburetor dismantled . . . NOW what do I do?"



"It's for you, Mr. Van Hoosick. Take it on number two."

At one of two Service Observers' Conferences on Overtones were, l. to r., back row: Elmer F. Ardif, Gen. Com'l. Supvr.; Florence Leclair, Evelyn Jowett, Catherine Gilman, Lillian Shurburn, Mary Green. Middle row: Eva Flagg, Jeannette Bilodeau, Eunice Sullivan. First row: Marian Allen, Mary Kilby, Rose Daily, Edna Johnson, R. J. Pruyn, Results Supvr. Front: Margaret King, Ellen Powers, Alta Lyman, Chief Observers.



Div. Com'l. Training Supvrs. who met were, left to right, front row: Sarah Henderson, Southern; Kathryn McKenzie, Central; Richard J. Davis, Gen. Com'l. Training Supvr.; Marion L. Tomkinson, Gen. Com'l. Training Asst. Back row: Guy H. Sturgis, Gen. Com'l. Methods Asst.; Margaret M. Malone, Metro.; Gertrude M. Gallagher, East.; E. F. Ardif, Gen. Com'l. Supvr.; Cecilia I. O'Donnell, West.; and G. A. Morley, Asst. Gen. Com'l. Mgr.

Overtones Are Friendly Tones

IN a series of meetings held recently for Service Observers, Division Training Supervisors and Division and District Managers throughout the Company, conducted by Results Supervisor Robert J. Pruyn and Training Supervisor Richard J. Davis, the Com-

mercial Department has been devoting considerable time to reviewing the concept of high quality of service as contemplated by the overtone objective.

Today even more than in former years customers are no longer satisfied with a standard of service

which is merely technically good. The war years are behind us, but the public, as a result of incivilities suffered from suppliers, emerged from the war acutely conscious of the niceties and refinements of business etiquette, such as personal interest, the sympathetic attitude and the innate courtesies and sincerity which constitute the overtones of *good* service as distinguished from *routine* or *neutral* service that is not "definitely" good.

We still have thousands of customers waiting for service. We have many more thousands who have been obliged to accept a grade of service which is inadequate for their telephone requirements. Despite the best that our manufacturing and installation people can do it will be, in certain instances, many months before telephone service can be considered normal.

The business office can be a big factor in obtaining public understanding and acceptance of such service dislocations, if all customer contacts and inquiries are handled by representatives alert to the broad concept of overtones and quick to grasp every opportunity to explain the Company's practices or policies in a genuinely friendly and interested manner.

It has been aptly said, "It is not so much what you say, as how you say it." This statement sets forth the objective for the quality of overtones of service. Most customers contact our business office by telephone and since the customer cannot see the representative he forms his impressions from the representative's voice and manner. To many, the business office represents the Company, as it is their only point of contact with the management of the Company. For many years our business office personnel have tried to handle telephone, office and mail contacts in such a way that customers would feel we're a friendly organization to do business with. Overtones of service are found in a service representative's speech, courtesy, understanding of customer, quality of explanations and service attitude. Good overtones come in being human and friendly; in being considerate of how people like to be treated; in speaking in a simple, easily understood language, clearly and distinctly in a natural and pleasing manner.



Metropolitan managers who conferred on overtones were, standing, left to right: Clayton S. Greene, Melrose; Bernard A. Dwyer, Cambridge; Allen T. Mortimer, Medford; James H. Conlon, Malden; B. Kendall Way, East District Manager; Philip W. Gleason, East Boston. Seated, left to right: Matilda T. Kleuber, Business

Office Supervisor; Harold A. Fasick, Division Manager; Florence M. Bond, Business Office Supervisor; John M. Couming, Somerville; Edward F. Wales, Division Results Supervisor; James R. Poach, Jr., North District Manager; George H. Burrows, Supv. Asst.; Michael J. Sullivan, Chelsea; Catherine F. Daly, Bus. Off. Supvr.

Attending the other Service Observers' Conference were: L. Abbott, I. Delorey, R. Joyce, A. Granner, E. Ryan, M. Cross, C. Duggan, E. Tollow, M. Garvey, G. Allaire, L. Holden, E. Hess, M. Broderick, E. Schneider, I. Cannon, A. Cullen and M. Cheyne.

WORCESTER

HELD ORDER



Service Representatives who handled the new accounts added by the expansion of Worcester's Central Office were, l. to r.: Carolyn Kent, Eileen Loughnane, Gladys Campbell, Supvr.; Ann Jacobs.



Com'l. Service Order group, l. to r., seated: Louise Hedge, Supvr.; Catherine Wall. Rear: Stanley Bigda, Manager; Rita Murphy, Lillian Head.

Traffic Record group, front: G. M. Donohue, H. E. Rich, Supvr.; M. H. Courtney, T. E. Beck, A. M. Burke. Back row, District Traffic force: M. L. Mero, L. O. Stockenberg, E. A. Wynne, M. M. Finnegan, J. M. O'Brien, M. A. Donaldson, G. M. McTiernan.



C. O. Maint., front: J. O'Connor, E. Benedict, J. McCarthy, F. Pepka, H. Graves, J. Handlin. Back: A. W. Bush, F. Lapointe, J. Nugent, D. Mallet, A. Doherty, G. Macuen, T. V. McVinney, L. T. Baker, L. Curran, C. Woodward, B. Tainter, C. Kiernan, J. Johnson, A. Johnson.



Installation group included: G. Alexander, J. J. Adams, J. Murphy, G. Smith, P. Guiney, B. Lavalle, R. Gustafson, H. Steinberg, F. J. McCarthy, R. Cronican, R. W. Carter, H. J. Hehir, J. Swindell,

R. O'Brien, M. Johnson, A. Forand, A. Shaw, Wm. Keefe, S. Allison, R. Fassett, Wm. E. Fontaine, G. Kasperon, E. Casten, H. Laduke, E. D. Cunningham.

By accomplishing the tremendous task of installing telephones to accommodate nearly 3000 subscribers on a constantly growing waiting list between September 1, 1946, and January 30, 1947, involving the installation of two new offices and the hiring of 20 new men who were given two weeks' classroom training prior to being assigned to the job, the Worcester District effectively dented the Company's list of held orders.

All clerical and record work in all departments was done in advance as far as possible. The Engineering Department issued five cable estimates and 40 routine orders to relieve cables working to full capacity. After contacting by letter all customers on the waiting list to determine service requirements, the Business Office then issued the thousands of required orders. The equipment installation force of 30 men, 20 of whom were fresh from the classroom, started pre-installation work October 21, under the supervision of four Service Foremen and com-

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pleted the job January 30. The assigning of the orders was handled by the Facilities Assigners with the help of five new employees. Working under a rigid schedule, the Cable and Construction Department placed underground and aerial cables to be spliced and cut over on the scheduled dates. The Central Office Maintenance force did the cross wiring work in advance and accepted the new office equipment so that it would be ready for service on the cut-over dates. Meanwhile a new G. I. housing project, Lincoln Wood, in the Lincoln Street area, increased the work load by about 200 requests for service.

Despite delays due to material shortages the work was completed on schedule. Office No. 8, a temporary expedient, was cut-over December 21, providing 1600 terminals serving four-party residence customers only. By January 30th 1400 more terminals were added to existing office No. 6 and a new permanent office No. 7 made 1500 terminals ready for use.

Equipment Installation group, l. to r., seated: P. A. Brunelle, A. W. LaBaire, R. B. Gibbs, Jr., W. R. Carlson, Foreman; J. M. Schneider, Wm. J. McCarthy, E. J. Gill, L. B. Fredin, J. J. Kittredge. Back row: J. P. Scannell, J. J. Moynihan, D. F. Mackintosh, Wm. A. Newton, D. M. Goodwin, J. J. White, J. B. Cahill, H. E. Wiles, Jr., H. M. Sutcliffe, Jr.



Facilities Assigners group, front: M. J. Breslin, D. Moore, M. A. McCann, M. Casey, V. McKenna, N. Carroll, C. Bissonette. Standing: Wm. Gearin, R. J. Hogan, G. Lowney, T. Doyle, Wm. Wood, A. C. Bennett, D. F. Sullivan, F. J. MacArdle, R. Warren, J. Benoit, F. Thompson, L. R. Choiniere, T. J. Sheehan, Install. Supvr.; A. E. Leland.



Construction group, front: J. Halloran, L. Surette, N. J. Connolly, F. St. Armour, J. Mulvey, J. McNulty, G. Flanagan. Back: T. Pickett, P. J. Harrity, S. Pisinski, R. Walton, E. F. Butcher, F. Clarke, C. T. St. Germaine, J. J. Hennessey, Foreman; J. Brigham, G. E. Bennett.

District Engineers, seated: E. Beasting, R. C. Langevin, R. Phelan, J. E. Lavalie. Standing: W. J. McGrath, W. Callan, G. Bergin, W. Allison, E. E. Tainter, R. O'Coin, W. G. Field, Dist. Engr.



Cable Depart., l. to r., front: W. Dowd, W. Wedgewood, E. Ellis, H. Laviolette, J. Foley, E. Larson, E. Bruce, Supv. Foreman; A. Power, Wm. Hart, Wm. McNeil, C. Benson, Wm. Thompson, W. Plumley, Leo Skrzypczak, J. Barrett, L. Bolton, P. Nicholson.

Back: A. Duhamel, S. Harding, R. Johnson, J. Gould, J. Tivnan, R. Trainor, G. McGovern, W. Staples, R. Shepard, W. Rowell, P. Power, B. Libby, N. Anderson, A. Burns, J. Daley, C. Adams, A. Brown, E. F. Nahs, Jr., P. Price.

How about a hobby?



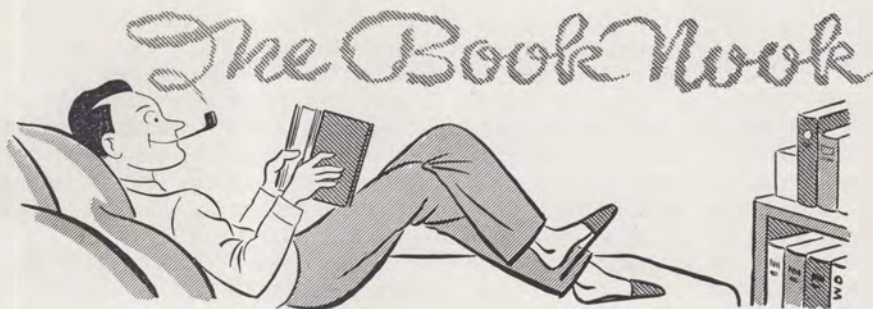
Above: An antique frame holding one of her "tinsel" pictures is examined critically by Kathryn McGinnes. It is done by painting the design on the glass, backing it with crinkled tinfoil and completing it with the cardboard backing. Right: Miss McGinnes is shown with some of her work. Such things as the old tea canister at the left and the firkin with its cover in the foreground, which was used for sugar years ago, lend themselves naturally to the antique shades of pink, ivory, dull red and blue.



FOR two years now Kathryn A. McGinnes, Central Office Instructor in the West Exchange in Providence, R. I., has been spending many spare moments in antique shops and secondhand furniture stores searching for old-fashioned spice boxes, shaker boxes, trays, chairs and sundry other small articles of days gone by which she can refurbish and decorate.

Once a week she takes private lessons in design, the use of color and oil paints and stenciling. Seated at a card table scattered with her palette, brushes and perhaps a tray or a box, Miss McGinnes is equally proficient at free-hand painting or stenciling and sometimes spends as much as six or seven lessons on one small article. To achieve the third dimensional effect a design, such as a rose for instance, has to be "built up" with white paint, each application of which must dry before the next can be added. The antique finish of a black tray is acquired after as many as five applications of varnish which also must dry each time and then be buffed.

Her Sheraton fancy chairs are especially lovely done in the rosewood finish with gold leaf designs. It would be impossible to even begin filling the requests she has already received for them. Hers is strictly a hobby and she seldom sells her work, but many of her friends are fortunate enough to possess some she has given them. A public exhibition of her best work is her goal which she thinks will take two more years' training.



The Miracle of the Bells

by Russell Janney

WHEN Bill "White Spats" Dunnigan appointed himself press agent for St. Michael the Archangel, the Saint at least had the best agent in the business. From his start promoting burlesque Bill had soared to the top on Broadway and then gone to Hollywood. St. Michael had done him a favor and he planned to return it. There was no doubt in Bill's mind that the Saint needed an agent. The world's best scrapper wasn't even so well known as Corbett or Dempsey.

Bill in his white spats, his black derby at a rakish angle, his perfectly fitting suit of pale red and blue checks on grey was a handsome Broadway sharpie, but he developed a "palship" with the Saint who had befriended him.

Bill will probably be a movie hero before long. He not only has all the qualifications, but this book, which he makes, reads like a movie scenario. Russell Janney, an agent and producer himself, will have little trouble converting his story into a movie script.

Olga Treskovna, a Polish girl from Coaltown and a friend of Bill, died before the release of her first film. Bill arrived in Coaltown to see that her wishes about her burial were carried out. One of these was the desire to have the church bells ring. This set the mind of the press agent to work. The bells

rang for Olga. For four days and nights they rang continuously—heavenly bells that echoed in the hearts of the people and started a series of miracles, one whose picture reporters could send to their editors, but many greater miracles in the hearts of the people. There were great doings in Coaltown when an agent decided to run a funeral and found he had to surpass a miracle.

The story is told through flashback sequences and as things happen currently to Bill Dunnigan you learn of the events that have brought him where he is. A couple of passages about Olga will leave the reader with a lump in his throat and several others about Dunnigan will make him laugh aloud.

The great weakness in the book is that it is several chapters too long. At the end it seems that miracles are being performed on a wholesale basis and that many superfluous characters are dragged in.

But those are the only complaints. It's an easy to read tale of how a girl's faith and kindness spread like sunshine warming the lives of many. When you finish you'll probably find Bill Dunnigan high on your list of favorite characters.

A. M. M.



Gordon S. Stanley

Gordon S. Stanley Appointed Assistant Vice President

STAFF Engineer Gordon S. Stanley was appointed Assistant Vice President, Financial Department, effective March 1.

Mr. Stanley was first employed by our Company in October, 1924, as a clerk in the Methods Division of the Accounting Department. Until the time of his appointment as Auditor of Disbursements, September 9, 1941, Mr. Stanley served in the following positions: Southern Division Plant Department Accountant; Southern Division Auditor of Disbursements; General Disbursement Accountant; Metropolitan Division Auditor of Disbursements; and Auditor of Receipts.

In 1944 he joined the Personnel Department where in 1946 he was appointed Staff Engineer, the position he held until his appointment as Assistant Vice President.

30 Years Old

The "Genius of Electricity," the winged, 16-ton statue which stands atop the tower of the A. T. & T. Company's headquarters building at 195 Broadway, celebrated its 30th "birthday" recently. On the cover of Bell telephone directories, the figure is known as the Spirit of Communication.

Beating the Backlog

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when the new central office equipment was expected to be ready for service, as the transition of the central office in Lowell had to be completed at one time. At this same meeting a Cut-over Supervisor was selected to handle the plant work and to coordinate all activities with the other departments.

With a will, all departments set to work simultaneously. The Commercial Department's first job was to notify the prospective customers of the good news and to obtain the necessary information to fill out the orders. The department set as its objective November 1 to have all orders in the hands of the Plant Department and met this deadline. By October 18, 1946, all letters had been sent out, at the rate of 200 letters a day. By October 21, 2,318 replies had been received and 2,138 orders had been issued. When, by November 4, the Commercial Department had issued all the orders for its held applications, it continued to issue current orders which were taken care of along with the backlog. As a result, on March 15 over 4,000 new telephones had been installed in the Lowell area. New applicants are now being received at a rate of approximately 125 weekly.

The Equipment Installation Department began its work on September 30, 1946, with an original goal of January 11, 1947, when equipment should be installed to handle all held applications. Due to shortages and a delay in the shipment of material, a change was made in the date for the completion of the installation from January 11 to February 11. By December 2, however, all of the equipment necessary to complete its central office job had been received by the Installation Department and the work was completed two weeks ahead of schedule.

Outside construction work began in September and was completed on February 11, 1947.

Installer-repairmen who began their pre-installations on October 7, 1946, had 660 installed by October 26 and 1,365 pre-installed by November 18. By January 27, 1947, all instruments for held applications had been pre-installed and installers were handling current

orders as they were issued by the Commercial Department.

The Central Office Maintenance force handled the cross-wire work for the cutover which involved the placing of thousands of cross connection wires on the frame. In addition these men assisted the Equipment Installation force in the testing out of the new central office equipment.

The Traffic Department's job was also a big one. Traffic furnished to the Plant Department the redistribution of the load and the traffic assignments. It set November 15 as a date when it would furnish papers caring for the rearrangement of 1,800 working lines in the Lowell Central Office, so that some of the new 4R customers could be assigned in the existing groups. By October 14, the Traffic Department reported that it could give 480 terminals to care for 1,920 telephones in the existing groups. In each of the twelve new groups, 46 line finder terminals were allotted for 4R service, making a total of 2,208 telephones to be connected to the new groups.

The Traffic Department agreed to call all new customers giving the number and ring designation and also to check with each customer about directories, rings and use of the instrument, as service was connected.

The department's biggest problem was the approximately 3,400 listings which had to be dealt with before the cutover. To indicate

which listings were pre-installed and not yet in service, red markers were slipped onto one end of the insertions in the rotary information files for these phones and slipped off when the phone actually went into service. In this way an operator could tell at a glance the actual status of any station.

The Directory closing date was February 6, 1947, and all orders received previous to that date were advance reported to the Directory Department, so that the new subscribers would not have to wait another year to be listed.

None of the installation work in this huge undertaking was of a temporary expedient nature, but was all permanent installation. However, private lines were not available at this time which meant that all customers received four-party lines. A few plant men were borrowed from other cities for assistance in the cutover, but no additional force was established. The Traffic and Maintenance Departments loaned personnel to fill in in the Plant, Commercial and Installation Departments, and this took care of the need for additional help.

Lowell's record-breaking installation was a job of planning and pre-installation, of cooperation of all departments, and of hard work and determination in the interest of giving service to all waiting customers, and its success is due to the efforts of each and everyone who took part.

Telephone Girls Take Part in Fashion Show

THIRD prize winner in the Jordan Marsh Company "Women Who Work" contest held recently was Rosemary MacMahon, Directory Department. She was one of 450 telephone women of all departments who, with employees of other participating organizations, attended the clinic's three lectures. Among the 3,000 women who attended the semi-annual fashion show and presentation of awards at Symphony Hall March 14 were 638 telephone women.

Among the models in the show were girls from each of the "Women Who Work" organizations. Doris Young of General Disbursements Accounting is shown in the smart coat she wore in the show. Circle: Prize winner Rosemary MacMahon, Directory Dept.



Springfield Urban Mobile Telephone Service to be Inaugurated April 7

MOBILE telephone service which will connect telephones in vehicles with the regular telephone system through radio facilities will be inaugurated April 7 in the Springfield area when thirty customer cars and six Company cars will be cut into service.

This service which will be known as the Springfield Urban Mobile Telephone Service consists of a Western Electric 250-watt radio transmitter, radio receiving equipment and G-2 type control terminal at 295 Worthington Street and remote pick-up receivers at Holyoke, Westfield and Indian Orchard.

The pictures on this page were taken recently at a training course in Springfield in the installation of mobile telephone equipment. The first customer car installed by these men was a 1947 Packard Tudor Sedan and the next a 1947 Buick ambulance. The Division expects to handle 65 installations on its first channel and has already applied for a second channel.

The service is the same as that which Boston has had since last November. It covers a radius of 15 to 20 miles from the location of the system's fixed transmitter. On each vehicle equipped for two-way service the facilities include transmitter and receiver units, a selective-signalling unit permitting each mobile station to be signalled individually by bell and lamp, an antenna, a control box, and a handset telephone similar in appearance to the type in common use.

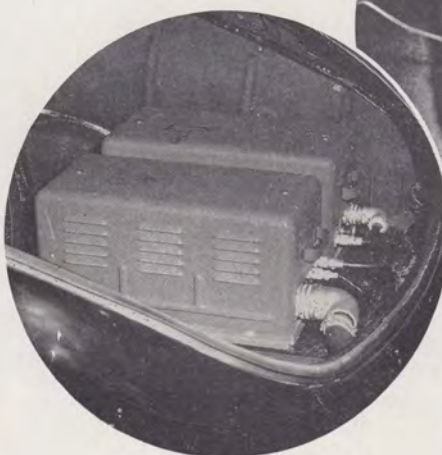
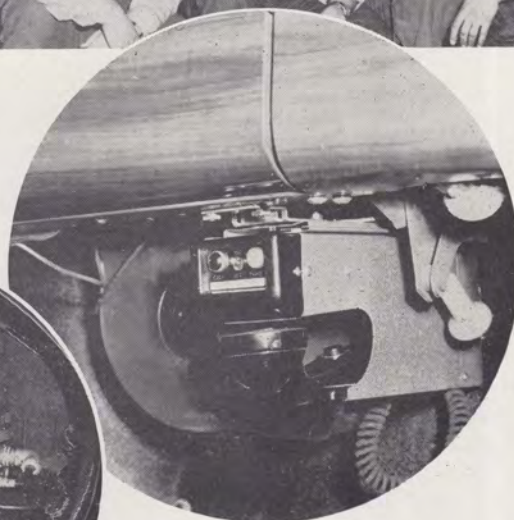


Looking very pleased with a job well done is Richard B. Stevens, Instructor, as he tested the first completed installation of the new Springfield Urban Mobile Telephone Service.

These are the men now making installations of radio equipment in cars in the Springfield area. Front: Arthur Beauvais, William Edwards, John Charow. Rear: Winfield Sponberg, Carroll Hillsburg, William Shea, Instructor Stevens.



To the right is a 41A Control Unit mounted on the dashboard of a 1947 Packard Tudor Sedan.



This equipment was installed in the trunk of the same Packard Sedan—a Western Electric 38A radio receiver and 38B radio transmitter.



The Telephone Hour was judged the best musical show on the air in Motion Picture Daily's 11th annual poll. Donald Voorhees, left, conductor of the Bell Telephone Or-

chestra, receives the award certificate from Gene Arneel, radio editor of Motion Picture Daily. Standing: H. G. Stokes, A.T.&T.; W. Magill; T. T. Cook, A.T.&T.

Veterans Still Can Reinstall National Service Life Insurance

NATIONAL Service Life Insurance policies were reinstated by 13,291 New England veterans during the first month of the Veterans Administration's insurance information program ending March 3.

The VA recently announced that more than 10,000,000 GI insurance policies throughout the nation had lapsed, representing the loss of some \$90,000,000,000 of potential economic security.

Veterans who have let their term insurance lapse may still reinstall their policies by paying only two monthly premiums and meeting the health requirements. One of those premium payments covers the month of grace after the policyholder halted regular payments, during which period he was protected. The other monthly payment covers the month in which reinstatement is made.

All necessary information may be secured by contacting the Veterans Administration, Branch Office No. 1, 55 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Mass.

Cooperative Bank Issues Annual Report

THE Cooperative Bank now exceeds four million dollars according to the statement published for the month of January.

A very interesting Annual Report has been issued covering the year 1946. Included in the report is a summary of the year's operations by the bank's president, Mr. J. J. Brennan, which follows in full:

Once again it is our pleasure to report to our members the activities and the progress of their bank during the year 1946.

It has been a year of progress in a material sense, and a year of outstanding service also to the members. This is demonstrated by the fact that the bank loaned a gross amount of over \$1,300,000 on 267 mortgages during the year, which

was more than twice the volume of business transacted in the year 1945.

To provide the money to meet this loan demand we disposed of Government Bonds having a face value of \$410,000. A substantial profit was realized on this transaction. In addition, earnings were increased by changing the investment money into mortgage money.

The Balance Sheet presented as part of this report shows that \$417,000 has been added to the Assets during the year—an increase of 11.7% over last year. This is a rapid growth and it imposes on your officers and directors a grave responsibility not alone for the proper investment of the new funds but also to build up and maintain sufficient reserves to protect those funds against unforeseen contingencies. We feel that we have accomplished both of these purposes during the year. The ratio of General Reserves and Undivided Profits to Net Assets is now 6.8%

and the 1946 increase has been better than average.

The earnings on the assets in 1946 compare favorably with the previous year when the average rate of interest was higher but a smaller proportion of the total assets was invested in mortgages and a larger proportion was in cash and securities.

Expenses were greater than in 1945 because of expansion in force, higher wages and increased cost of services and supplies.

We have helped many members and a large number of veterans to buy their homes in the past year and we hope to help a greater number as the acute shortage of homes is gradually relieved.

The bank, as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank system, has a Credit Rating for borrowing purposes of \$925,000 and while we do not anticipate having to use this credit it is comforting to know that we could do so if serving our members should require it.

Employees Give Blood Donations To Fellow Workers

FIFTY-FOUR General Office and Metropolitan Division employees have a good right to call themselves "blood brothers" of their fellow workers. When Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, Company Medical Director, called for volunteers to donate whole blood to seriously ill Company employees in local hospitals, these men and women answered the appeal. The Company blood donors had two things in common with their unknown donees—the same type blood and the same Company.

Many of the ill employees had come some distance to Boston hospitals for major operations, were in need of blood, and were without local relatives and friends who could donate blood for them.

Those who donated their blood in answer to the Medical Office appeal were: *Metropolitan Plant*—Vincent T. Black, Robert W. Burns, Herbert A. Burwell, Edward J. Cotter, John B. Coughlan, Chester L. Crawford, Chester B. Cybulski, Stanton J. Dempsey, Francis X. Flaherty, John J. Hurley, Jr., Edward E. Ivers, John P. MacDonald, James F. McCoy, Daniel W. McElaney, John L. Pearle, Kenneth A. Reid, John L. Sullivan, Joseph L. Hansis, Harold C. Hodgson, Joseph T. Dooley, Charles E. Glynn, James A. Halohan, Joseph L. Hansif, Harold F. Leary, Jr., Robert J. Troy, Thomas H. Walsh.

General Plant Equipment—Cornelius F. Burke, Edward C. Cronin, Lorenzo W. Mahoney, Thomas P. McGourty, Sidney W. Swan.

Metropolitan Traffic—Otto H. Schmidt. East Boston: Pauline M. Reilly, Catherine A. Sullivan, Agnes Toomey. Malden: Denise Brough, Arlene Ellis, Elsie Fitzpatrick, Margaret Glynn, Dorothy Goditibois, Mildred Hogan, Barbara McDowell, Margaret McLaughlin, Ermytrude Quinn. Melrose: Mary Hanley, Eileen Madden. Mystic: Hazel Fierline, Lorna Monroe. Woburn: Dorothy Shaul, Eleanor Biggi, Pauline Troy, Mary Flannigan.

The Medical Department would like to be notified of any other employees who have given blood for other employees.



Thomas R. Merritt, 81, of Brewer, Me., seems to be enjoying his first telephone call which he made after a little coaxing from his family.

Two Maine Men, 81 and 90, Coaxed To Make First Telephone Call

To most Americans daily use of the telephone is routine like brushing their teeth, but to some people it's still a novelty.

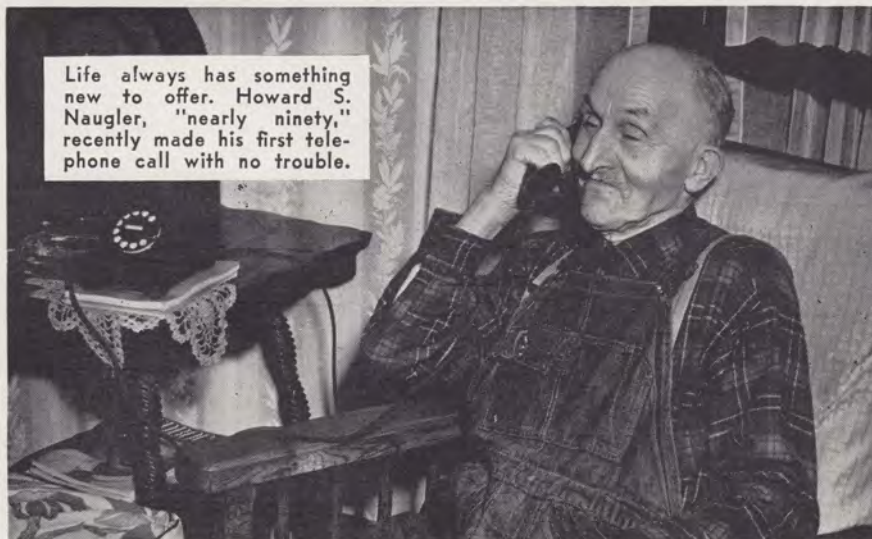
Just a few weeks ago Thomas R. Merritt, 81, of 61 Betton Street, Brewer, Me., and Howard S. Naugler, "nearly 90," of Holden, Me., used the telephone for the first time in their lives when they talked with each other.

According to his family Mr. Merritt had to be coaxed before he attempted to use it and then he complained that he didn't hear Mr. Naugler too well. The latter, how-

ever, had no trouble with his first attempt at telephone conversation.

Each of the families has had its telephone for some time but the two old men had never shown any desire to try it. A short while ago a member of the Merritt family received a letter from a friend in Canada which mentioned both Mr. Merritt and Mr. Naugler. From this letter came the idea that the two should talk to each other over the telephone.

Mr. Merritt and Mr. Naugler are old friends who don't have much opportunity to see each other now.



Life always has something new to offer. Howard S. Naugler, "nearly ninety," recently made his first telephone call with no trouble.



The committee: W. F. Jortberg, President, Keller Chapter; P. E. Tierney, F. M. Winslow, Chairman; H. S. Staples, G. M. Petty, M. E. Irish, W. F. Baker, Sec.-Treas.



These four made up a small table: T. C. Cochran, Maine Manager; F. Benjamin, Life Member; C. H. Tozier, Div. Traffic Supt.; T. L. C. Burnell.



Right: S. Hayes, C. Konon, W. J. Greene, South. Div. Auditor of Disb.; F. J. O'Donnell, East. Div. Aud. of Disb.; B. Joyce, M. Murphy, E. Joyce, R. Baizley.

E. Ryan, M. McGrath, Y. Reny, A. McKeen, H. W. Kittleson, Biddeford Manager J. T. McCroary, A. Tetrault, F. Sterling, M. Booth, M. Gilman.



Right: N. Q. P. Oakes, D. H. Curtis, E. Quimby, Life Member; L. C. Weir, Asst. Vice Pres.; Life Members P. Brown, A. Durgin, A. Woodhouse and E. H. Winslow.



Left: Life Members G. H. Whitney, E. Ramsdell, C. Stevens, S. Nason, P. L. Willihan, E. Mitchell, C. O'Donnell, E. O'Donnell.



A ladies' table: M. Con-cannon, D. C. Flaherty, M. Eagan, C. Fox, Mrs. D. Fox, Mrs. T. Fox, M. McAleer and C. Hackett.



Portland Dinner Dance Starts Big Year for Keller Pioneers

MORE than 240 Pioneers and friends, including five Life Members from Lewiston, attended the mid-winter dinner dance sponsored recently at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, by those members of Jasper N. Keller Chapter 33 who are in southern Maine.

After dinner entertainment consisted of eight dancing and singing acts starring the Dolan twins, Mary Skillin O'Donnell, Esther Cohen and Barbara Black.

On Chairman Fred Winslow's committee were Delia Flaherty, Grace Petty, Pauline Tierney, Mary Irish, Marie Curran and Harold Staples.

The Jasper Pioneers have announced an active program for the coming spring and summer months. A silver tea and style show will be featured attractions at a Ladies' Night in April, at which Portland employees representing all departments will model. On the committee are: Chairman Mildred Seavey, Plant; Delia M. Foley, Disbursement Accounting; Ruth Ballard, Revenue Accounting; Elizabeth Stanley, Commercial; Marie Curran, Division Traffic; and Florence McLean, Local Traffic.

Boxing bouts and films on the World Series and boxing will entertain men who attend the stag supper which is planned for May. Chairman John J. McDonough has announced that the following men are helping with arrangements: Edward L. Cook, Stanley D. Rodiman, A. D. MacGregor, Leon Spear.

Preliminary work is progressing on the annual meeting in June—a State of Maine clambake at some central point.

The DOCTOR'S PAGE

PENICILLIN

By D. L. LYNCH, M.D., F. A. C. S., Medical Director

and

G. F. WILKINS, M.D., Asst. Medical Director



WITHIN recent years, medical science has made great strides in its never-ending battle against diseases caused by bacteria. As recently as ten years ago, there was little in the way of specific methods of attack against such conditions as peritonitis, cellulitis, or "blood poisoning," or other diseases due to the streptococcus germ. Infections of this type were extremely serious, frequently fatal, and the question of life or death of the patient depended almost entirely on his own individual body resistance to the infection. There was no specific medicine available to help kill off these bacterial invaders.

Sulfa Drugs

The introduction of sulfa drugs proved to be a great contribution to the treatment of many of these conditions. Their extensive use has definitely proved their value and they are still widely used. However, many types of infection do not respond satisfactorily to treatment with "sulfa," and some bacteria, while sensitive at first, soon develop a resistance to the drug, making it ineffective. Sulfa drugs are also capable of producing harmful effects on the body when given in large doses, and for this reason their administration must be carefully supervised by the physician.

Discovery of Penicillin

In 1929, Alexander Fleming, an English physician, while experimenting with cultures of bacteria, accidentally noticed a peculiar phenomenon taking place in one of the specimens. The bacteria instead of growing as they should, were being killed and dissolved by a growth of mold that had con-

taminated that particular culture. He then isolated and performed further experiments with this mold which confirmed his original observations. However, the early preparations were crude, attempts to purify and concentrate the mold were unsuccessful and little more was done with it during the ensuing ten years. In 1940, spurred by the war, further investigations were carried out, methods of purification were developed and the use of penicillin in medical treatment was begun.

What Penicillin Is

Penicillin is a member of the mold family and is somewhat similar to the green mold in Roquefort cheese. These molds are common in nature, both in the air and in the soil and are myriad in number. Largely due to the success of penicillin, many other molds have been investigated and tested so that today there are more than forty of them that have some value against certain types of infection. The penicillin mold grows by sprouting small groups of spores from the end of its stalks. Under the microscope, these have the appearance of a small brush. Its name, therefore, is derived from the Latin word "Penicillum" which means brush or broom.

As recently as four years ago, facilities for the production of penicillin were limited, with the result that the drug was scarce and extremely expensive. Today, as the result of new plant construction and improved production methods, penicillin is plentiful and its cost reasonable.

As penicillin leaves the production laboratory, it is in the form of

a yellowish or almost colorless powder. This powder dissolves readily in water and when dissolved is ready for use.

Since its effectiveness in generalized infections depends upon its concentration in the blood stream, it is usually given by injection. However, it is also effective to some extent when taken by mouth and preparations in tablet form are available for those cases in which this form of treatment is indicated. Penicillin, also effective when applied locally to some wounds and infected areas, is now available in tablets, chewing pastilles, ointments, solutions and sprays.

Uses of Penicillin

In some types of infection penicillin has proved itself even more effective than the sulfa drugs. It also has the advantage of producing practically no harmful effects on the body in spite of the fact that it is extremely lethal for many types of bacteria. In addition it is effective in many infections that do not respond to treatment with "sulfa" medication.

Penicillin has been frequently called the "Miracle Drug." Against certain types of disease, it is so effective as to almost justify this label. However, it is not a panacea for all ills. Many diseases and infections do not respond to it and are not influenced by its use. And in those conditions that do respond to it favorably, the mode of administration and the size and frequency of dosage are all very important. It is not a drug to be used as self-medication. It should be taken only upon the advice and under the supervision of a physician.

SERVICE

Anniversaries

40 YEARS' SERVICE

Charlotte Clapp, Gen. Rev. Acctg.
Nancy M. Morrison, Central Traffic
Mary E. Conwell, Eastern Traffic
Josephine M. McFarland, Met. Traf.
Alice Burt, Southern Traffic
Edward S. Harrington, Gen. Plant
Leo S. J. Collins, Metro. Plant
Harold A. Greene, Southern Plant
Raymond A. Lord, Southern Plant
Fred J. Staples, Western Plant

35 YEARS' SERVICE

Ida M. Higgins, Cent. Rev. Acctg.
Clair Carpenter, Met. Rev. Acctg.
Mary T. O'Connell, West. Rev. Act.
Laura J. Sicotte, Cent. Commercial
Mary F. Moore, East. Commercial
Robert D. Fuller, West. Commercial
Josephine B. Ryan, West. Com'l.
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Dorothy U. Russell, Central Traffic
Mary A. Quinn, Central Traffic
Annine L. Skeffington, Metro. Traf.

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Rose G. McGuire, Metro. Traffic
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Florence C. Dubie, Western Traffic
Edward M. Robinson, Gen. Plant
Patrick A. Ahern, Central Plant
Edward J. Roberts, Central Plant
Harold F. Robbins, Central Plant
Harvey A. Oliver, Eastern Plant
Bliss E. Tracy, Metropolitan Plant
Thomas H. Creighton, Metro. Plant
George J. Blum, Metro. Plant
Antonio Carvotta, Metro. Plant
William F. Peterson, Metro. Plant
Marcellus W. Barnes, Metro. Plant
Frank A. Kierman, Metro. Plant
Claude L. Knox, Western Plant

30 YEARS' SERVICE

Walter W. Denney, General Acctg.
Catherine E. Quirk, Metro. Com'l.
Annie J. Buckley, Central Traffic
Louise G. Roche, Central Traffic

Verna P. Titus, Central Traffic
Anna M. Geary, Central Traffic
Margaret H. Demeritt, Cent. Traffic
Mary F. Johnson, Central Traffic
Ella M. Quinn, Central Traffic
Grace E. McGuire, Central Traffic
Mary E. Ryan, Metropolitan Traffic
Muriel T. Lowther, Southern Traffic
Grace P. Nolan, Southern Traffic
Viola C. Winslow, Southern Traffic
Mary Graney, Western Traffic
Mary A. Sullivan, Western Traffic
Agnes K. Bronson, Western Traffic
Christina A. Wade, Central Plant
Herve Bousquet, Central Plant
Arthur E. Mann, Metro. Plant
Leo F. Dempsey, Metro. Plant
Albert A. Lyons, Metropolitan Plant
Sargent F. Tower, Metro. Plant
Theodore A. Swenson, Metro. Plant
Albert J. Smith, Jr., Southern Plant
Robert Stewart, Jr., Southern Plant

25 YEARS' SERVICE

Evelyn F. Bruce, General Acctg.
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Lillian M. Foley, Eastern Traffic
Elizabeth T. Cameron, East. Traffic
Catherine V. Walsh, Metro. Traffic
Mildred C. Walsh, Metro. Traffic
Alice A. Foley, Metro. Traffic
Alice R. Douglas, Southern Traffic
Edith M. Adams, Southern Traffic
Mary J. Cunis, Western Traffic
Katherine R. Rice, Western Traffic
Alice C. Scanlon, Western Traffic
Martin J. Lynch, General Plant

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40th
Chester N. Reed
Metropolitan Plant



40th
E. T. Beauchemin
Southern Plant



40th
Edward Arbour
Western Plant



40th
Ralph S. Woollett
Metropolitan Plant



40th
Sidney L. Sink
Southern Plant



40th
John B. Powers
Metro. Com'l.



35th
Justin E. Dunbar
General Plant



35th
Chester W. Adams
Eastern Plant



35th
Richard Boudreau
Metropolitan Plant



35th
Carl C. Cook
Southern Plant



30th
Bernard J. Flynn
Metro. Com'l.



30th
Dewey G. Daniels
Western Plant

Recent Changes



William E. MacIsaac,
Dist. Plant Supt.,
from West Dist. to
North Central Dist.,
Metro. Division



Francis J. Collins
from Senior
Instructor, Plant
School, to Div. Training
Supvr., Metro. Plant



Rita M. Kearsey,
Business Office
Supvr., from
Malden to Roxbury



John M. Alden,
Traffic Manager,
from Fitchburg to
Harrison Ave. Dial
and Toll Units



Edward R. Sears
from Metro. Div.
Plant Training
Supvr. to the Staff
of General Plant
Personnel Supvr.



Thomas L. Regan
from PBX Foreman,
Woonsocket, to
Southern Div. Safety
Supvr.



George A. Skinner,
from Payroll Supvr.,
Portland, Me., to
Disb. Accountant,
General Disb.
Acctg.



Joseph L. Bruno
from Payroll Supvr.
to Accounts Supvr.,
Southern Disb.
Acctg.



John L. Carroll
from Results Supvr.,
Southern Disb.
Acctg., to Disb.
Accountant, Gen.
Disb. Acctg.



Mary E. Grout,
Chief Operator,
from Newmarket to
North Conway,
N. H.



Charles A. Mullen
from Asst. Payroll
Supvr. to Payroll
Supvr., Southern
Disb. Acctg.



Sarah J. Williams
from Schedule
Clerk, Pittsfield
Central Office, to
Pittsfield Dist.
PBX Instructor



Waldemar H.
Thomae
from Acctg. Asst.
to Asst. Tax
Accountant, Gen.
Accounting



Marion L. Allen
from Div. Chief
Clerk, Springfield,
to Business Office
Supvr., Pittsfield



Alexander P. Dallas
from Acct. Asst. to
Asst. Gen. Books
Supvr., General
Accounting



Mary F. Cooney
from Com'l. Staff Asst.
to Div. Chief Clerk,
Springfield



Arnold E. Nichols
from Traffic
Manager, Dist. 1,
to Operations and
Engineering Dept.,
A. T. & T. Co.



Alice F. Brosnahan
from Instructor,
Metro. Com'l., to
Business Office
Supvr., Waltham



Annette M. Doyle
from Acting
Business Office
Supvr., Back Bay,
to Business Office
Supvr., Brookline



Ruth M. Cronin
from Assistant to
Chief Operator,
Burlington, Vt.



Mary E. Horgan,
Business Office
Supvr., from Quincy
to Bowdoin Square



Frances M.
Gardner
from Operator to
Chief Operator,
Plymouth, N. H.



Robert H. Douglas
from Asst. Payroll
Supvr., Western
Disb. Acctg., to
Payroll Supvr.,
East. Disb. Acctg.



AN entertainment problem on your hands? A friend you'd like to have over for the afternoon? Twenty friends you'd like to have meet the new girl in your central office or a new war-bride neighbor? Then let a tea come to the rescue. Since the days when they were knee-high to a tea table, girls have been finding teas an ideal way to entertain because a hostess can be "one of the gang" too. With everything done well in advance (except for putting the kettle on), the modern Polly can join in all the party fun. To what-

ever bright ideas you might have for such occasions, Priscilla has one or two others which some hostesses have found helpful.

Tea tidbits: There are no traditional tea foods. Small tea cakes, tiny sandwiches, homemade cookies topped with chopped nuts, chocolate sprinkles or thin slices of maraschino cherries, potato chips, or even perhaps the semi-hearty foods of a "high tea" which you might serve the gang following an afternoon of bowling or skating—all these fall within the realm of "tea." If it's crackers you're serving, top them with cheese and dotting them with ketchup, pop them under the broiler for a few seconds before serving. Or line up cooky sheets with graham crackers and spread them with one part of margarine creamed with two parts of brown sugar and broil them until the mixture melts and bubbles.

You might surprise your guests with a new tea treat—minted hot tea. Add a sprig or two of fresh mint or a tablespoon of mint jelly to the dry tea leaves before adding boiling water to a four-cup teapot. Strain and serve with lemon or lime slices.

Below are some suggestions you might try.



FROSTED COCOA DROPS

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| 1/2 cup bran | 3/4 cup sifted flour |
| 1/2 cup sour milk | 1 1/2 teaspoons |
| 1/4 cup shortening | baking powder |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 egg | 1/4 teaspoon soda |
| 1/4 teaspoon vanilla | 1/3 cup cocoa |

Soak bran in sour milk. Blend shortening and sugar until creamy; add well-beaten egg, mixing thoroughly. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, soda and cocoa together. Add sifted ingredients alternately with soaked bran to creamed mixture. Add flavoring. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheets and bake in moderate oven (350°F.) about 12 minutes. While still warm spread lightly with frosting. Yields 2 1/2 dozen (2 inches in diameter).

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| 3/4 cup light corn syrup | 1/2 teaspoon orange extract |
| 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten | Pinch of salt |
| | 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract |

Heat corn syrup just to boiling point. Pour into stiffly beaten egg whites and beat until fluffy. Blend in a pinch of salt, lemon and orange extract.

LOG CABIN BARS

- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup hot water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup maple-flavored syrup
- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped nut meats

Sift flours together once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Beat egg with rotary egg beater until thick and light; add hot water gradually and continue beating until mixture thickens. Add sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Add maple-flavored syrup and oil gradually, beating only enough to blend. Add vanilla and nut meats. Fold in flour in two additions, beating after each addition until smooth. Bake in greased 9 x 9 x 2 inch pan in moderate oven (375°F.) 20 minutes, or until done. Cool and frost with Log Cabin Frosting. Cut in 3 x 1 1/2-inch bars. Makes 18 bars.

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FLORIDA ROLL

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| 3 eggs | 1 cup sifted cake flour |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 6 tablespoons canned Florida orange juice | 1/4 teaspoon salt |
| | Confectioners' sugar |

Beat eggs until light and lemon colored; add sugar gradually, beating until the mixture is very thick. Add the orange juice and mix until blended. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; add to the mixture, mixing only enough to blend smoothly. Line a shallow pan 10 x 15 inches with waxed paper, having the paper extend 1 inch beyond the edge of the pan. Pour the batter into the pan and bake in moderately hot oven (375°F.) 20 minutes. Sift confectioners' sugar on a piece of brown wrapping paper. Turn the cake out on this and quickly remove the waxed paper. Spread with Orange Filling and roll up like a jelly roll. Makes 10 1-inch slices.

FLORIDA ORANGE FILLING

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| 1 1/4 cups canned Florida orange juice | 3 tablespoons cornstarch |
| 1 egg yolk, slightly beaten | 2 tablespoons butter |
| 1/2 cup sugar | Dash of salt |

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CHOCOLATE NESTS FOR EASTER

Why not have the Easter Bunny leave a nest of eggs at everyone's place at the breakfast table Easter morning? They're easy to make and oh so good to eat!

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. milk chocolate	3 cups whole wheat shreds
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. unsweetened or semi-sweet chocolate	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. egg-shaped jelly beans

Melt chocolate over hot but not boiling water. Stir in whole wheat shreds. Place tablespoonfuls of mixture on wax paper and form into shape of a nest. Allow chocolate to harden. Fill nests with colored jelly beans. Yield ten $2\frac{3}{4}$ " nests.

Style Setters..



For any and all occasions except those that are absolutely formal, this ruched apron and shoulder pet designed to make your waist appear slim as a wasp will fill the bill. It's one that's easily worn at any season of the year. Make it from SIMPLICITY PATTERN NO. 1912. It comes in sizes 11-18.

White wool is the big news in toppers for spring. This boxy style—a feminine version of the Navy pea jacket—doubles as a coat and suit or slacks jacket. Brass buttons, vertical slot pockets at the waistline and a pointed collar add to its salty air. You'll find this coat an easy one to make because it presents no fitting problem. SIMPLICITY PATTERN NO. 1913.



Equipment Installation News

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

C. Leo McKenney

Southern Division COEI News

At the Valley exchange in Rhode Island, the installation of 2 sections of No. 9C switchboard, 400 new subscribers multiple and 400 new drops extension of 1680 subscribers multiple is under way. One hundred OGT is being changed from three panel to four panel to allow for the addition of 40 new OGT multiple; also, the rewiring of 3 positions, 1 from a trouble position to an A position, 1 from an A position to trunk position and 1 from trunk to trouble position. Two local positions are being re-wired to coin position.

This work is being installed by E. J. Pearce, N. Darcy, D. Besette, E. W. Duhaime, E. J. Holden, J. W. Anderson, Jr., J. J. Norton, A. A. Houle, F. J. Brekwith, R. L. Coates, J. B. Guimond, J. A. Farrell, W. H. Knight, under the supervision of Foreman Warren L. Hayes.

At the Hopkins-Williams exchange in Providence, R. I., 1000 OGT and make busy jacks, 1000 tie lines between the H.I.D.F. and H.M.D.F. There is also a district multiple transition consisting of rearranging slip multiple and the regrading of 1008 trunks.

This work is being completed under the supervision of Foreman Warren L. Hayes, assisted by Installers J. W. Anderson, Jr., D. W. Maker, A. J. Attridge, T. H. Flaherty, E. B. Merrifield, J. J. Norton, J. E. Monahan, H. J. McCormick, J. W. Weeden, W. E. Doyle, A. L. Burke and A. A. Houle.

In the West exchange in Providence, R. I., the following work is in progress. The installing of 15-604 type positions of switchboard. These positions are being reconditioned and wired for audible ringing. Extending 1600 subscribers multiple and 400 OGT multiple. Relocating 220 secondary answering jacks and installing 2820 secondary answering jacks. Rewiring 3 A positions to special B positions. The installation of 1 B section extending 8400 subscribers multiple and installing 2 A.D.C.I. positions. This work is being done by Installers C. J. Anderson, R. J. Benjamin, R. E. Bourjoin, R. J. Hindle, W. J. Brooks, C. H. Winslow, Jr., W. J. Hubacker, K. F. Gillum, G. F. Bennett, W. H. Bates, H. E. Winterson, E. J. Collins, C. W. Gohneson, W. H. Campbell, J. F. Green, E. V. MacLeon, W. J. McCall, E. F. Sweeney, J. L. Walsh, F. E. Masterson, R. J. Ward, M. W. Fernald, under the supervision of Foreman Raymond W. Maker.

In East Providence, R. I., the following work is being done. The installation of 3 A subscribers sections, 9 positions, 1620 new answering jacks, 400 new subscribers multiple, 20 OGT multiple; also, the rewiring of 1 A position to A.D.C.I.

and rewiring 1 A position to coin collect and the extension of 4900 multiple into A sections; also, miscellaneous changes and additions.

This work is being done by Foreman Richard M. Loud, assisted by Installers S. Carbone, K. Mara, C. Hogland, E. Holden and W. Knight.

Metropolitan Division COEI News

At the Pneumatic Scale Company, Quincy, a new 701A PBX is in the process of installation under the supervision of Foreman Frederick L. Donahoe, assisted by Installers F. J. Kuppers, W. J. Curran, F. W. McGovern, R. B. Whyte, J. F. Coyne.

"A" Installer George Boyle with E. P. Harrigan and W. B. Phillips is installing 3 positions of 605A PBX at the Submarine Signal Company.

Foreman John F. Flynn is at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, West Roxbury, where he is completing the installation of a new 701A PBX, assisted by F. R. Cronin, G. T. Cashman, F. X. Connolly, D. J. McCarran and G. J. Walsh.



SUPPLEMENTARY TOLL TABLES

The Supplementary Toll Tables pictured above are assigned to Springfield (3) and Worcester (5) and are part of a lot of 50 that are being wired and equipped in the PBX equipment shop at 235 State Street, Boston. These tables are engineered to supplement the present tool position in the various offices, each table has 4 positions, each position has a telephone circuit, calculagraph or clock, ticket holders, and cord circuits varying from 2 to 6 pair. The turret which is double sided is equipped with

recording tandem or special outgoing multiple as required. The keys, cords and supervisory lamps for these tables are obtained from working toll positions that have spare equipment in them, the relay equipment remains in toll position and is cabled to keys and cords in the tables. In the picture are some of the men who worked on these tables, reading from left to right, front row: J. Tippo, carpenter; J. E. Dolan, H. T. Sanborn, F. W. McGovern, D. W. Burke. Back row, left to right: J. F. Coyne, E. W. Nichols, not in picture, W. E. O'Hara and C. F. Hannon, Supervising Foreman.



RECEIVES MONEY

Recently retired William J. Harvey is shown receiving

a gift of money and an electric clock from Foreman W. P. Hayes and his associates in the Equipment Installation Dept. at 119-125 Milk Street.



RECEIVES PIN

Henry F. Kersting, of the Equipment Installation Dept., being presented his diamond service pin by John M. Mulhern, Supt. of Equipment Installation, Metropolitan

and Southern Division. Attending were: F. T. Hannon, A. H. Johnson, D. W. Burke, F. X. Connolly, J. E. Dolan, E. W. Nichols, W. E. O'Hara, H. T. Sanborn, J. P. Hadley, C. F. Hannon, J. Tippo. Front: Mr. Kersting, Mr. Mulhern.

Western Division Notes

Mary A. Flanagan, Supervisor at the Springfield exchange, recently became the bride of Homer E. Herbert, Supervising Foreman of the Equipment Installation Department in the Western Division at the Sacred Heart Church, Springfield. Attending the couple were Marie Grimaldi of the Traffic Department and John J. Shea of the Equipment Installation Department.

After a wedding breakfast served at the Highland Hotel, they left for a honeymoon in New York.

At Clinton, Foreman James A. Goode and five installers are completing the installation of 120 subscribers multiple, 200 subscribers answering jacks and are making many miscellaneous changes.

Foreman Clarence R. Mayon and a group of installers are adding 1-A Section and 400 answering jacks at Westfield.

Three "A" sections, 1 subscribers position, 2 toll positions and 200 subscribers multiple are being added at Gardner by Foreman John R. Howell and four installers. 280 subscribers multiple and 360 answering jacks at Southbridge.

Foreman James G. Earle and his group are installing 2 "A" sections.

Pass Examinations

The following men have recently passed Class "B" crossbar examinations: Edward H. Cafferty, William F. Kelley, Joseph A. Griffin, Fran-

cis J. McCumiskey, Paul H. Gallagher, John T. Parkinson, Robert W. Mackey, James F. Quinn, Leonard T. Bansk, Jr., Harry A. Williams, Timothy F. Desmond and Francis X. Desmond.

The following men recently passed the following examinations: Malcolm McIntosh, Class A Manual; John J. Burke, Class B Panel; James J. Boland, Class B Step; William F. Hagen, Test Panel; George E. O'Brien, Class A Panel.

PBX Installations

At the Paine Furniture Company, 4 positions of 605A PBX are being installed, and at Jackson Moreland Company, a new 701A PBX is being installed by Foreman Henry F. Kersting with Installers E. H. Swindler, J. R. Sheehan, R. G. Mottla, R. I. Battis, T. F. Gilligan, W. G. Foley, R. A. Harney.

At the B. F. Sturtevant Company, Hyde Park, a new 701A PBX equipped for 2 positions, 400 stations and 30 trunks is being installed by Foreman O. A. Colsen, assisted by Installers R. E. Dooley, F. X. Gormley, E. E. Beachan, W. P. Freeman.

Foreman John F. Dwyer with Installers F. P. Timony, R. J. Conley, F. C. Gorman, Jr., H. T. Lyons and F. E. Murphy is adding a new section of 605A at Howard University; also, 2 positions of 701A PBX at the Dewey Army Co., Cambridge.



Lewis E. Pierce

Retires with 45 Years of Service

Lewis E. Pierce, Materials and Practices Engineer in the Outside Plant Engineering Section, recently started his pre-retirement furlough, after over 45 years of service.

Mr. Pierce began his service in the Engineering Department in Boston in 1902. During the next forty-five years he served successively as District Engineer in Worcester, Assistant to the Division Engineer in Springfield, N. H., Supervisor of Outside Plant Inventory, and returning to the Chief Engineer's Department he served as Program and Facilities Engineer in the Plant Extension Department, and finally as Materials and Practices Engineer. He received a gift of money and a book bound in hand-tooled leather containing over 275 autographs and well wishes from his present and former associates.

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Speaker at Safety Council Meeting

Orion G. Richards, General Plant Safety Supervisor, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Safety Council at the Hotel Statler, Boston, March 11. His topic was "Control of Accidents Is a Mutual Effort."

In his speech Mr. Richards pointed out the importance of co-operation on the part of all wire-using utilities in the placing of wires or fixtures on poles so that safety for all workers and uninterrupted service for customers will be provided.

In Memoriam

ARTHUR B. BUTLER, formerly of the Plant Department, Portland, Me. Died February 17.

WALTON O. CLIFFORD, Plant Department, Providence, R. I. Died March 5.

JOSEPH DONNELLY, Equipment Installation Department, Boston. Died March 12.

EDWARD F. LEHAN, formerly of the Plant Department, Brockton. Died March 5.

HAROLD M. MACCAUSLAND, formerly of the Plant Department, Springfield. Died February 16.

KATHRYN F. MACDONALD, formerly of the Traffic Department, Boston. Died March 3.

WALTER E. NILES, formerly of the Plant Department, Pittsfield. Died March 5.

NORA T. O'BRIEN, formerly of the Traffic Department, Hull. Died January 11.

MARGARET E. O'NEILL, formerly of the Traffic Department, Portland, Me. Died March 5.

WALTER H. SANFORD, Plant Department, Hyannis. Died March 12.

EDWARD SHATTUCK, formerly of the Executive Department, Boston. Died February 14.

EVERETT P. SHAW, Plant Department, Bangor, Me. Died February 19.

JAMES B. SHEEHEY, formerly of the Equipment Installation Department, Boston. Died February 28.

MARY E. SLEIN, Traffic Department, Monson. Died February 24.

MARY SULLIVAN, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died February 17.

ALPHONSUS J. ST. COEUR, formerly of the Plant Department, Boston. Died March 9.

ARTHUR M. WARREN, formerly of the Plant Department, Worcester. Died March 9.

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Receives His Diamond Pin

Justin E. Dunbar, General Toll Service group, recently received his 35-year diamond service pin from Percival D. Whipple, General Toll Service Supervisor. His associates also presented several gifts to him.

General Office News

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HOUSE SERVICE SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE

A House Service Supervisors Conference was held in Boston March 11-14 under the direction of Leonard R. Holbrook, House Service Supervisor, General Buildings Staff. Guest speaker for the conference was Fred L. Burnell, of the A.T.&T. Co., O&E Department,

New York. Left to right, seated: John F. McCurdy, James Stillwell, John R. McLeish, Mr. Burnell, Willard F. Whitman, Mr. Holbrook, Maurice V. Torrey, Patrick J. Sullivan, William J. Hogan, R. Leonard Wing. Standing: Nathan P. Lord, John A. Birdsall, Herman G. Rouellard, Daniel J. Murphy, Archie Crowell, William C. Connally, Scott V. Curry, Otis Wright and Leo O'Brien.



OBSERVES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

George C. Hinckley, General Servicing Manager, celebrated his 35th anniversary with the Company recently and is shown above receiving his service emblem from George A. Morley, Assistant General

Commercial Manager. Left to right, front row: James C. Fair, John C. Carraher, Mr. Morley, Mr. Hinckley, Elmer F. Ardoff and F. Bradford Faxon. Back row: Donald B. Lovis, Webster E. Howard, Harris B. McIntyre and Richard J. Davis.



BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower was held recently at Steuben's Vienna Room for Phyllis F. Tortorici, Engineering Department, in honor of her forthcoming marriage to Richard L. Rowe of the Treasury Department. She was presented two pieces of luggage and a fitted leather manicuring set by her associates. Attending were: Mildred Ober-

lander, Lillian Vietze, Mary Heffernan, Genevieve McDonald, Beatrice Parmegiani, Dorothy Wadland, Dixie Fletcher, Glenda Uriot, Marion Reardon, Helen Hanright, Dorothy McCallum, Rita Brown, Margaret Cuddy, Isabelle Altoonian, Rose Tortorici, Edna Bryden, Doris Churchill, Agnes Barry, Sally Russell, Gretta Walton, Margaret Bowers, Helen Harrington, Mary Martin, Mary Sullivan and Miriam Dunfey.

Celebrates 30th Anniversary

W. Chester Crispin, Traveling Auditor's Office, recently celebrated his 30th service anniversary and was presented his emerald service emblem by William S. Brooks, Chief Traveling Auditor. He was also presented a gift of money from his office associates.

Twenty-Five Years of Service

Mary A. Herwood, Results Assistant, General Revenue Accounting Office, was surprised recently on the occasion of her 25th service anniversary when she was presented a handbag and a bouquet of spring flowers by her associates.



RECEIVES 45-YEAR PIN

Aaron Feinberg, General Plant Personnel Supervisor, is shown congratulating Edward R. Sears, General

Plant Training Supervisor, on the completion of 45 years of service, while his associates watch. Mr. Sears received a gift from his associates in General Plant.



ACCOUNTING NEWCOMERS

Newcomers who have recently been welcomed to the General Accounting Department are, left to right, front row: Salena E. Evans, Mary Ann Gusheski, Ann

M. Scannell, Barbara A. O'Connor, Joan M. Whelan, Margaret J. McAuliffe, Anne T. Morris and Kathryn M. Cullen. Back row: Gertrude T. Hampe, Mary L. Golding, Elizabeth Gillis, Elizabeth A. McCullen, Jean E. O'Donnell, Mary E. Hannon and Helen T. Keeley.



Pfc. Charles E. Breen (A)
Secretary's Office

Pvt. Louis Cantone, Jr. (A)
Southern Plant

T/5 Raymond L. Gallagher (A)
Southern Commercial

Capt. Wilton B. Hayes (A)
Western Plant

Y 3/c Teresa B. Molinari (N)
Western Traffic

T/4 George W. Patten (A)
Eastern Plant

Building Department Notes

General Plant extends a cordial welcome to Robert E. Faherty and Harold W. Connolly, two newcomers, who are now janitors for the Building Department.

The former co-workers of Thomas W. Smith wish him the best of luck upon his transfer from janitor at Boston to the Metropolitan Division Plant.



"Do you gentlemen have an appointment?"

Connecting Companies News

ASSOCIATE EDITOR
Percy W. York

Sidney Telephone Company Changes Hands

The Sidney Telephone Company of Sidney, Me., has recently been reorganized under the name of Sidney Telephone Company, Inc., with Robert Fowle as President and Treasurer and Gilbert Standbridge as General Manager and Secretary.

Mr. Fowle owns a summer home in Sidney, and intends to retire before many years and make it his permanent home. He is President of W. E. Clark & Company which operates a steel warehouse in Boston and now resides in Reading, where he is a member of the finance board and a former selectman. Mr. Fowle states that his only interest in the business is to "give the townspeople the telephone service which they deserve" and that Mr. Standbridge will have complete control of the operation of the business.

The Sidney central office is located in Mr. Standbridge's residence where Mrs. Standbridge is in attendance as operator. This central office serves about 150 customers with 136 miles of wire and 76 miles of pole line. Mr. Standbridge intends to rebuild the lines completely and place modern instruments as fast as the necessary equipment is available. He also intends to extend the present lines to furnish service to summer cottages at Ward and Messalonskee Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Standbridge previously resided in Arlington, and during the war Mr. Standbridge was connected with the labor management of the New England Shipping Corporation in Portland, as staff artist, where he handled war poster designs and news distribution.

The Sidney Company was previously owned and operated by

A. W. Morgan, who is now Owner and Manager of the Hebron's Home Telephone Company at Hebron, Me.



Robert Fowle

Telephone Plant Disabled

Nathan D. Cyr, Manager of the Eastern Telephone Company at West Enfield, Me., reports that for the second time in two years a heavy snow and wind storm on March 2 disabled the telephone lines of that company which serves approximately 350 customers in Enfield, West Enfield, Howland and surrounding rural districts.

Rebuilding has been started and Mr. Cyr says that within a short time all customers will again be receiving service, at least on a temporary basis. Permanent repairs will be made as fast as possible.



Left to right: Mrs. Gilbert D. Standbridge, Mr. Standbridge. Mr. Standbridge is the new General Manager and Secretary of the Sidney Telephone Company.



RELAYS DAMAGE REPORTS

Kenton E. Quint is shown at the radio set he used to relay reports

of damage caused by the snow and wind storm of March 2 and 3 which disrupted all wire communications north of Bangor.

Exceptional Public Service Rendered

Valuable assistance was furnished the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Maine Public Service Company by Kenton E. Quint, Manager of the Somerset Telephone Company, at North New Portland, Me., when, in collaboration with several other radio amateurs, he helped to relay the reports of the extent of damage caused by the snow and wind storm of March 2 and 3 which disrupted all wire communications north of Bangor.

Mr. Quint, who operates a short wave amateur radio station, WIARV, as a hobby and source of relaxation, went on the air during the evening of March 3 and soon discovered that an emergency existed in Aroostook County which had been isolated by the storm. He immediately offered the services of his station to Joseph Bennett, another amateur, who operates station WIKOB in Bangor. Mr. Bennett was having difficulty in an attempt to communicate with a third amateur station, WIPRW, at Presque Isle. Radio conditions were extremely bad but Mr. Quint's more favorable location and the greater power of his equipment made it possible for him, working with the other amateur stations, to relay messages between the Telephone Company's Manager at Presque Isle and the Division offices at Bangor, reporting the extent of damage and the lists of material and supplies needed to restore service.

The equipment in Mr. Quint's station provides for communication by either voice or code on the 10, 20, 40 and 80 meter amateur bands and he has at various times been in contact with stations on our west coast, in Europe, and in the West Indies.

Mr. Quint might well be regarded as an old-timer in the radio field as he received his first license in 1923 and has been active since that time except during the war

when all amateur radio stations were closed.

As a telephone man Mr. Quint is controlling Owner and Manager of the Somerset Telephone Company, with exchanges located in North New Portland and Solon, Me., serving approximately 320 customers. This company was recently organized to take over the former Somerset Telephone Corporation and the New Portland and Eustis Telephone Company. Mr. Quint had operated the latter company for a number of years.

The North New Portland Central Office has dial equipment and the Solon Office is scheduled for conversion early in 1948.

The Somerset Company is planning other improvements, including provisions for furnishing service to isolated customers over ultra-high frequency radio channels. Surveys and experiments for this service are now being made.

Recent Visitors at the Boston Office

David E. Barker, Manager, Eastern Telephone and Telegraph Co., Calais, Me.; Alden W. Morgan, Manager, Hebron's Home Telephone Company, Hebron, Me.; W. W. Allen, Superintendent, Elizabeth Islands Telephone Company, Naushon Islands, Mass.; William A. Sheffield, President and General Manager, Westerly Automatic Telephone Company, Westerly, R. I.; Roger E. Goodwin, Auditor, Cobbosseecontee Telephone and Telegraph Company, West Gardiner, Me.; Mrs. Roger E. Goodwin, West Gardiner, Me.; James R. Doughty, Manager, Katahdin Farmers Telephone Company, Island Falls, Me.; Robert E. Fowle, President, Sidney Telephone Company, Sidney, Me.; J. Elmer Draper, Treasurer, Wilton Telephone Company, Wilton, N.H.; J. O. Berube, Foreman, Wilton Telephone Company, Wilton, N.H.



James R. Doughty

New Management for Winn Telephone Company

A controlling interest in the Winn Telephone Company at Winn, Me., was recently acquired by James R. Doughty of Island Falls, Me. Mr. Doughty has been elected treasurer and G. Haley Doughty, president and manager of the company.

The new management is planning to rebuild the lines and modernize the service in the Winn exchange which now serves approxi-

mately 100 customers in the villages of Winn and Mattawamkeag and surrounding rural districts.

Operations are now under way to move the central office from its present location in Winn to a more central location in Mattawamkeag where most of the present and prospective subscribers are located.

Distribution cable and other improvements are contemplated so that the people in these communities may soon be provided with adequate, dependable telephone service.



G. Haley Doughty

Central Division News

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Russell L. Norton, *Traffic*

Myra L. Hammond, *Rev. Acct.*
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The Manchester, N. H., Revenue Accounting Association held their combination Valentine and beano party in the office rest room.



LANCASTER SLEIGH RIDE

A Valentine Day sleigh ride was held by 45 Berlin, Whitefield and Lancaster Traffic employees. Refreshments were served at the Elms Hotel after the ride.

Entertainment was under the direction of Ruth Sherman, Whitefield Chief Operator, and the committee in charge of arrangements were: Mary Corrigan, Edna Fisher, Dorothy Driscoll.



LOWELL DIAL CONFERENCE

A Dial Conference was held recently in Lowell to discuss the capacity and loading of dial equipment and to generally check up on facilities. Attending were, left to right, seated: Gertrude Mulli-

gan, Carolyn Plumley, Pauline Duval and Grace Clark. Standing: Richard G. Chadwick, Traffic Engineer; Hubert E. Ames, Local Dial Engineer; Louis G. LaPointe, District Traffic Superintendent; Effie Griffin, Virginia Hicks, Carl W. Proctor, Division Traffic Engineer.



CHIEF OPERATORS' CONFERENCE

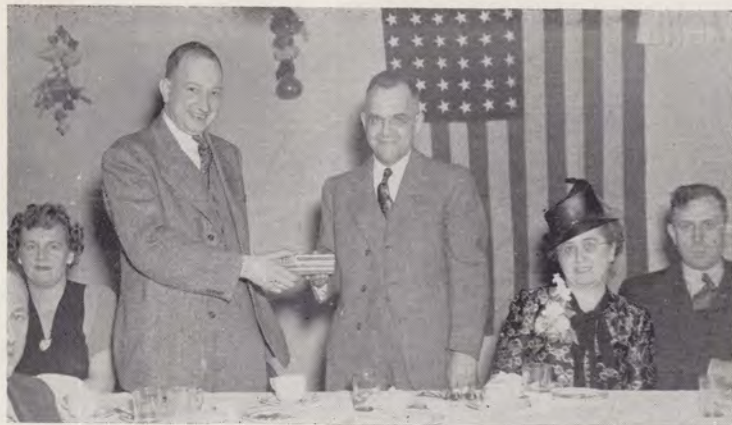
A Chief Operators' Conference on Supervisors' Training was held recently. The conference was conducted by William Sumner, Division Local and Toll Supervisor, and Eleanor Tilton, Division Instructor. Attending were, left to right, seated: Thekla Nelson, Peabody; Mildred Dolan, Milford; Geneva Jebb, Claremont; Eleanor Tilton, Division Instructor; Goldie Down-

ing, Lancaster; Mary Grout, North Conway; Katherine Nelson, Saugus. Standing: John Cahill, Salem Traffic Manager; Elizabeth Mason, Newburyport; William Sumner, Division Local and Toll Supervisor; Dorothy Cooke, Marlboro; Alfred L. Crowley, Lowell Traffic Manager; Lila Peyser, Division Instructor; Shirley M. Sweet, Jr., Concord, N. H., Traffic Manager; David C. Hall, Division Traffic Superintendent.

Speaker at Rotary

Nathaniel A. Orr, Marlboro Commercial Manager, recently was the guest speaker at the Concord, Mass., Rotary Club. Using a miniature sending and receiving set, he demonstrated the possibilities in the use of microwaves and explained how they can be used to transmit long-distance messages without the use of wires or cables.

Mr. Orr was also the guest speaker at recent meetings of the Marlboro Lodge of Elks and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



FAREWELL BANQUET

A farewell banquet was held recently at the Lebanon Club in Gloucester in honor of Walter H. Hammond, Gloucester Wire Chief, who has been transferred to the Salem Office as Wire Chief. Mr.

Hammond was presented a Masonic ring by his fellow workers. Left to right, at the head table were: John Mixer, Mrs. Roger Moore, Roger M. Moore, Mr. Hammond, Mrs. Hammond, Elliott Waldron, Gloucester Electric Company.



TRAFFIC CONFERENCE

A Central Division Traffic Conference on Personnel and Employment matters was held recently at the Hotel Bellevue, Boston. Attending were: Mabel E. Dow, Exeter Chief Operator; Uila S. Turner, Lynn Chief Operator; Nora Cottrell, Beverly Chief Operator; Frances H. Humphrys, Division Employment Supervisor; Leah A. O'Brien, Portsmouth Chief Operator; Beatrice Morgan,

Rochester Chief Operator. Standing: David C. Hall, Division Traffic Superintendent; Lawrence Clement, Littleton Traffic Manager; William H. Sumner, Division Local and Toll Supervisor; Edward W. Cook, Manchester District Traffic Supervisor; Russell L. Norton, Division Personnel Supervisor; L. Sheldon Duffy, Lynn Traffic Manager; Oscar E. Stanton, Manchester District Traffic Superintendent; Paul A. Dexter, Salem Traffic Manager.

Addressed Lions Clubs

Chauncey L. Brown, Commercial Manager at Claremont, N. H., recently spoke before a joint meeting of the Newport, N. H., Lions Clubs. He also showed the motion picture, "The Telephone Hour."

35-Year Emblem

Frank L. McAllister of Manchester, N. H., received a diamond service pin from William Francis, District Plant Superintendent, and a pen and pencil set from his fellow workers upon completion of 35 years' service. Mr. McAllister served eight years as president of Local 20, I.B.T.W.



Salem Traffic held another of their semi-formal dances recently at the Thompson Club in Nahant. The committee in charge were: Betty Garland, Pauline Foster, Barbara Splaine, Hyacinth Pszeny and Claire Sheehan.



Farewell Dinner

A farewell dinner was held recently at the Towne Lyne House in Lynnfield in honor of Anne Paxley, Lynn Operator, who is retiring after 45 years of service. Sixty guests were present and Uila S. Turner, Chief Operator, presented her a gift of money on behalf of the girls. Maude Staples and Hilda Young were in charge of arrangements.

Manager Rogers Was Guest Speaker

Laurence B. Rogers, Commercial Manager at Concord, N. H., was the speaker at a recent meeting of the Penacook Junior Woman's Club. Telephone motion pictures were also a part of the program.

TRAFFIC CONFERENCE

A Central Division Traffic Conference on Supervision Subsequent Training was held in Boston, February 25-27. Left to right, seated: Loretta H. Kelley, Framingham Chief Operator; Jennie F. Kirwin, Lowell Chief Operator; Helen D. Griffin, Manchester, N. H., Toll Chief Operator; Leah A. O'Brien, Portsmouth Chief Operator; William H. Sumner, Division Local & Toll

Supervisor; L. Sheldon Duffy, Lynn Traffic Manager; Theresa K. Brennan, Dover Chief Operator; Elizabeth M. McGloin, Gloucester Chief Operator; Marguerite A. Brooks, Nashua Chief Operator. Standing: Richard C. Halberg, Framingham Area Traffic Manager; Harold A. Amidon, Division Traffic Supervisor; Paul MacFarland, General Traffic Training Supervisor; and David C. Hall, Division Traffic Superintendent.

Telephone Program at Knights of Columbus

The program at a recent meeting of the Beverly Council Knights of Columbus included a talk by Daniel G. Tower, Beverly Commercial Manager, and a showing of telephone motion pictures.

Concord, Mass., Traffic Items

Nancy Mason, Concord Traffic, has transferred to the Los Angeles Traffic Department. Prior to her departure for California, Miss Mason was honored at a dinner held at the Davis Turkey Farm, Sudbury. She was presented luggage by her co-workers.

Marjory Harmon and Barbara Mulcahy are recent additions to the Concord Operating force.



CHIEF OPERATOR WELCOMED

Members of the North Conway Traffic Department recently held a welcome dinner in honor of their newly appointed Chief Operator, Mary E. Grout, at the Sunny Meade Inn, Kearsarge.



SALEM FAREWELL PARTY

Barbara Berryman, Salem Revenue Accounting Office, was given a farewell dinner recently at the Daniels House at Salem. Miss Berryman has left to join the order of Notre Dame at Waltham. Attending the party

were, left to right, seated: Eleanor Eismund, Audrey Reid, Florence Brennan, Miss Berryman, Myra Hammond, Kathleen Mack. Standing: Doris Abdo, Frances Cowles, Mabel Comeau, Dorothea Claffey, Eileen Lynch, Alice Conway, Mary Wilson, Madeliene Jodoio and Barbara Finn.

Revenue Accounting Wedding

Jane I. Ahearn, Salem Revenue Accounting Office, recently married Arthur D. Laicos of Peabody. She was presented a money bouquet by her office associates.

Annual Election Banquet

The annual Salem Revenue Accounting Association banquet was held recently at the Hotel Hawthorne. The following girls were elected officers for 1947: Margaret Cassidy, President; Edna Hearn, Vice President; Alice Mackey, Secretary; and Margaret Mahoney, Treasurer.



CELEBRATE TRANSFER

A group of present and former associates of Vivian I. Cann, former Senior Service Representative in the Beverly Business Office, gathered at Woodbury Tavern in Beverly to celebrate her recent appointment as Instructor in Central Division Commercial. Vivian was presented a pen and pencil set and a corsage. Daniel Tower, Beverly Manager, made the presentation. Following the dinner, the group went to the home of

Helen Cleveland where the balance of the evening was enjoyably spent. Seated, left to right: Grace Toye, Louise C. Cantone, Ellen C. Buffett, Elizabeth A. Toomey, Daniel G. Tower, Miss Cann, Arthur W. Frostholm, Mrs. Tower. Standing: Ruth W. Dodd, Helen C. Cleveland, Elinor J. Barnes, Lois M. Tupper, Frank Donnelly, Eleanor E. McGrath, Lora Casgrain, Virginia Little, Orville T. Swift, Clara Kennison, Ruth Lefavour, Ruth W. Getchel, Arlene Howe.



FAREWELL PARTY FOR SALEM TOLL GIRL

A farewell party was given recently at the Alibi Club in Lynn for Margaret Dodge, Salem Toll, who has been transferred to the Concord, N. H., Office. She was presented a corsage and a purse of money. The committee in charge were: Blanche Mahoney, Mary Fitzgibbons, Ruth Donlon and Kay McKay. Shown above, left to right, seated, are: Bud Moran, Barbara

Wentworth, Lillian Hodgdon, Anna Passante, Miss Dodge, Ruth O'Donnell, Chief Operator; Anna Harrigan, Ruth Donlon, Honor Henry, Kay McKay, Anna Buckley, Margaret McLean, Anastacia Sullivan. Back row: Helen Maguire, Agnes Deering, Susan Mulcahy, Nell Walsh, Frances McMahon, Mabel Laverty, Mary Cook, Gertrude Rehal, Mildred Davidson, Alice Geary, Edith Ball, Agnes Slaven, Alice Rust, Myra Graves, Mary Murphy, Elynor Pickett and Blanche Mahoney.

Central Plant Newcomers

Recent newcomers to the Central Division Plant Department are: New Hampshire District—Francis J. Nangle, Louis Bograkos, Ernest W. Bastianelli, Bernard C. Woods, Jr., Albert F. Johnson, Robert N. Breton, Harry M. Chase, Donald P. Diggins, Robert G. Drapeau, Robert P. Applin, James E. Keating, Robert D. Turner, Richard E. McManus, Robert D. Stevens, John E. Davis, Jr., Charles M. Peregrine, Gilbert E. Cox, Robert E. Michaud, Clarence O. Greenwood, Jr., Richard G. Sweatt, Thomas L. Hutson, Allen E. Monica, Russell G. Buker, Ralph P. Manning, Richard F. Corkery, John F. Murphy, Paul R. Yettew, Robert M. MacLean, William N. Gates, Ronald W. Avery, Newell C. McCormack, Earl R. Forbes, John E. Mackin, Jr., Richard B. Luscombe, Armand A. Peat, Harold R. Britton, Arnold S. Follansbee, Dorothy M. Bean, Arnold E. Davis, Lloyd W. Mitchell, Leon M. Arey. Lowell District—Thomas L. Jaugen. Salem District—Dennis J. Conlin, Louise M. Murphy, Richard E. Farley, Warren J. Andrews, John M. Mulherin, Clara M. Benson, Guy M. Fossiano. Boston Office—Irene B. Geremonte and Arpinee Kazanjian.

Twenty-Four Pass Their Plant Examinations

The following twenty-four Central Plant men have recently passed their examinations: Lowell District—Raymond R. Senecal, Line Foreman; John F. Walsh, Installer-Repairman; James E. Canane, Line Foreman. Salem District—Andrew F. Gancey, Installer-Repairman; Myles K. Lacey, Station "A"; Carroll E. Dragon, C. O. Repair Class "B"; Lester S. Emerson, Station "A"; Albert W. Bell, Lineman; David F. McCarthy, PBX; Victor W. Daley, PBX; Paul A. Moore, Service Head Lineman; Edward D. Wright, Installer-Repairman. New Hampshire District—John N. Lanigan, Installer-Repairman; Roy R. Kincade, Installer-Repairman; Raymond A. Paul, Installer-Repairman; James T. Mitchell, Installer-Repairman; Charles W. Goodale, Installer-Repairman; Willis W. Lovejoy, Station "A"; Philip B. Mongan, Installer-Repairman; Roger Hawkins, Service Head Lineman; Dana A. Haley, Line Foreman; Charles W. Bowler, Line Assigner; Joseph G. Andrews, Installer-Repairman; and Thomas R. Cullen, Line Foreman.

Immediately following the storm there were 3693 stations and 611 lines out of service, 3080 of these stations were located in Aroostook County. On March 6 service had been restored to all but a small portion of the subscribers in the latter area and on March 8 exchange service had been restored. 1,075,000 feet of temporary paired wire has been placed to re-establish service. Permanent reconstruction will involve placing 120 circuit miles of open wire, 6.25 sheath miles cable and 350 poles.

Biddeford Commercial Items

The Biddeford Commercial Office recently welcomed two newcomers. Mary McGrath has transferred from Bath as Service Order Writer, and Martha Guerin is a new Service Representative. Eleanor Polackwich and Joan McCarthy have left the Company—Eleanor to accept home duties and Joan to accept a position in the South. Yvonne Reny, Biddeford Cashier, appeared as piano soloist on the All-American program of the Portland Rossini Club at Frye Hall, recently. Miss Reny studied with Miss Montpelier of Portland and with Richard Stevens of Boston.

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SOCIAL STUDY TOUR

Winifred Lewis, Boothbay Harbor third and fourth grade teacher, of the East Side Primary School, brought her pupils to the Boothbay Harbor Traffic Office on a social study tour. Florence Miller, Chief Operator, gave a short talk and answered some of the children's

questions, while Dorothy Clisby and Phyllis Barter worked at the switchboard. Twenty-seven pupils attended and are shown in the foreground. In back, left to right, are: Florence Miller, Dorothy Clisby, Phyllis Barter, Mrs. Perry Wortman, a parent; Winifred Lewis, the teacher; and Mrs. Richard Latter, a parent.

Eastern Division News

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Heavy Snowfall Damages Telephone Lines

On March 3 heavy wet snow which blanketed the northern portion of the Eastern Division in a very few hours caused extensive damage to open wire toll and exchange lines serving northern Penobscot and Aroostook Counties. In the vicinity of Mars Hill a total snowfall of 16 inches was recorded. State and municipal plowing equipment encountered great difficulty in clearing the highways, bringing transportation to a standstill for many hours.

Telephone crews assigned to the storm area were hampered by heavy

drifts which made it almost impossible, immediately after the storm, to travel over the highways and along the private property toll routes.

As a result of the excessive snow load which accumulated on the wires of the Bangor-Houlton-Presque Isle open wire toll route, this line failed at numerous locations. Damage between Bangor and Lincoln and between Houlton and Presque Isle, where these lines support up to six arms of wire, was especially severe. These breaks, together with minor breaks on the alternate route via Calais to Houlton, isolated Aroostook County from the system toll network.



LEWISTON OPEN HOUSE

An open house was held recently at Lewiston Traffic and Gertrude Salter and Betty Caouette were in charge of the affair. They are

shown seated. Standing, left to right, are Pauline Beattie, Joan Carrigan, Donna Yeager, Marie Boutin and Mary Waznis, who assisted them.



MAINE SNOWSTORM DAMAGES TOLL LINES

These three scenes are only a few examples of the damage done in the severe storm, March 3, and also show the size of the drifts. The first

picture was taken on the way to Bridgewater from Mars Hill. The second scene is at Enfield, and the third picture was taken about five miles south of Presque Isle on the way to Mars Hill.



TENDERED DINNER PARTY

Ardell L. Bradstreet, Division Engineering Office, was recently tendered a dinner party at the Lafayette Hotel in Portland, in honor of her forthcoming marriage to William E. Covill, of East Providence, R. I. She re-

ceived many gifts. Left to right, seated: Jean M. Howe, Mildred E. Doggett, Doris E. Cannon and Shirley A. Libby. Standing: Ardell L. Bradstreet, Ruth E. McDonough, Lois M. Leighton, Doris I. MacDermid, Shirley K. Russell, Joan H. Rivera, Catherine M. Burns, Dorothy P. Lee.



"All right, your name is in the phone book—so what!"

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Engagements

Lois M. Buck, Portland District Plant Engineer's Office, has recently announced her engagement to Francis Gay, Central Office Maintenance force. Miss Buck is the daughter of Archie Buck of the Cable Department.

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Portland Engagements

Rachel Loring and Wanda Nowakowski, Portland Dial Supervisors, recently announced their engagements. Rachel will marry John Joseph Novetski of Philadelphia and Wanda, John Griskivick.

The following Portland operators announced their engagements recently: Elizabeth Kemp to Frederick L. McCarthy, Jr.; Elaine Veno to Terrance Glidden; Phyllis Holmes to John Burton; Constance Rutherford to William McGee; and H. Thelma James, Clerk, to J. Cedric Smith.



ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Madeline M. Soucie was honored recently by her Augusta Traffic co-workers at a dinner party and dance held at the Augusta House on the occasion of her 25th service anniversary. Mrs. Soucie was presented wardrobe luggage and a purse of money. Attending were, left to right, first row: Mary Blake, Orilda Russell, Ruth Anderson, Edward Richardson, who presented her her service pin; Mrs. Soucie, Henry Bonzagni, Margaret A. McNally, Barbara Sugars, Ellen Abram and Mar-

garet Eno. Second row: Alice Toomey, Dorothy Parent, Ruth Brann, Ernestine Weart, Rita Marchildon, Carris-Ann McGuire, Elizabeth Soucie, Lorraine Boutin, Patricia Brown, Ellen Taylor, Ellen Burns, Mary Kennon, Gertrude Collins, Dorothy Veilleux. Third row: Helen Ochmanski, Mildred Smith, Amidel Krumen, Alfred Krumen, Forest Greenier, Carlton Miller, Christine McCarthy, Mabelle Plummer, Ethel Farrow, Elizabeth Nickerson, Jacqueline Gray, Marguerite Bouffard and Ermine McEachern.



RECEIVES 30-YEAR PIN

Sidney E. Nason, Lewiston Plant, is shown receiving his 30-year service pin from Chester C. Stevens, PBX Foreman, while Maintenance and Conversion forces from Lewiston watch. Mr. Nason and Mr. Stevens are shown in the foreground. Left to right, kneeling: Bryant B. Tribou, William N. Russell, George L. Hopkins, Richard E. Babb, Virgil E. Thompson, Louis J. Palmer, Roger H. Libby, Jr., Louis A. Hunnewell and Herbert H. Rolerson. Front row, standing: Clyde B.

Brooks, John J. Murphy, Alfred J. Simpson, Ernest L. Kelly, Malcolm L. Bowker, Francis H. McFarland, Alfred M. Willihan, John J. Mynahan, Sumner W. Wright, James A. Dunn, George L. Stone, George W. Lever, Robert W. Parent and Clarence M. Cronk. Back row, standing: Donald K. Marston, Frederick S. Stronach, Avon K. Libby, Jr., Gardner C. Stone, James R. Stone, Donald R. Robinson, Richard D. Libby, Roland L. Martin, Paul F. Thurlow, Everett S. Davis, Jr., Chandler L. Barron and George L. Stone.

Pre-Nuptial Shower

Shirley Atwood, Farmington Traffic, was the honor guest at a pre-nuptial shower held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Richard G. Norton, recently. She will marry William T. Hawkins, Jr., a student at Bowdoin College. Miss Atwood has been transferred to Brunswick where the couple will reside.

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Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde O. Hooper, Jr., are the parents of a baby boy, Gary, born recently. Mr. Hooper is with the Portland District Plant Engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Dyer announce the recent birth of a daughter, Dianne. Mr. Dyer is with the Portland District Plant Engineers.



LEWISTON VALENTINE PARTY

The Lewiston Toll operators were hostesses at a tea party given in the office rest room and the entire Lewiston Office attended. The party lasted from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., which gave everyone an opportunity to attend. The party was given in appreciation of the fine job done in improving Lewiston Toll service. Pictured above are, left to right, front row: Jane Thayer,

Lillian Crowley, Rita Harvey, Ruth Ferguson, Margaret Lyons, Chief Operator; Muriel Gyne, Clara Costley, Margaret Pillsbury. Back row: Charles Daniels, Plant; Doris Sinclair, John D. Wells, District Traffic Superintendent; Thomas Hennessey, COEI Foreman; Betty Caouette, Mary Mynahan, Rita Bussiere, Eileen Leahey, Annette Means, Irene Lonergan, Donna Yeager, Lawrence Leete, Traffic Manager.



"Got a reservation, Bud?"

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Infantidings

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hull, Jr., announced the birth of a daughter, Judith Alison, recently. Mrs. Hull was the former Laura Kelley of the Boothbay Harbor exchange.

Portland Commercial News

Gloria Rice Bailey, Portland Teller, left the Company recently to accept a position in Brunswick while her husband is attending Bowdoin College. Gloria was presented fireplace fixtures as a farewell gift by her associates.

Jane Hunter was recently welcomed to the Portland Business Office as a Service Representative.

Engagement

Virginia G. Tardy has been receiving the best wishes of her Farmington Traffic co-workers on the announcement of her recent engagement to Francis Putnam Shaw of Macwahoc.



OXFORD CUTOVER

The new CX 200 Oxford, Me., Office was cut over recently and the first picture shows some of those present, left to right: Charles H. Andersen, Division Traffic Engineer; Clyde B. Brooks, Lewiston Wire Chief;

and John G. Hardy, Lewiston Commercial Manager. The second picture shows some of the Central Office Equipment Installers who worked on the new dial office. Left to right: Adrian W. Barrows, George R. Wing, Woodrow G. Oakes, Clinton F. Merrow.



CELEBRATED 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Louise Flaherty, Bangor Traffic, was honored recently by her associates on the occasion of her 35th service anniversary. She was presented a handbag, perfume and flowers from her associates, and received her new

service emblem from Edward L. Richardson, District Traffic Superintendent. Left to right: Anna Lynch, Mary A. Logan, Miss Flaherty, Mr. Richardson, Mary Flanigan, Margaret Abbott, Chief Operator; Catherine Abbott, Julia Nelligan.

Newcomers

Portland District Plant Engineers have recently welcomed six ex-servicemen, Reuben S. Burnham, John E. Fink, Hildreth H. Fisher, Bruce G. Potter, John D. McFarlane and Raymond A. Turgeon, to their group.

Janet McLeod has been added to the stenographic force of the Portland District Plant Engineers.

Richard H. Haskell, Alden P. Peterson and Frances D. Maxwell have joined the Resident Engineer's Office at Lewiston.



Virgil E. Thompson, Lewiston Service Foreman, is shown receiving his twenty-year service pin from Clyde B. Brooks, Wire Chief. Maintenance and Conversion crews are shown viewing the ceremony.



Wallace E. Tipton (right), Installer-Repairman in the South District, and his friend, Fred Sharpe (left), of Pond Street, Rockland, bagged this 150-lb. buck on their hunting trip in West Falmouth recently.



SPIRIT OF SERVICE CONFERENCE

New employees, Metropolitan Traffic, attending a Spirit

of Service Conference, held recently at the Hotel Commander. This conference is one of a series being conducted at this time.



BOWDOIN SQUARE GOES HIGH HAT

Harold A. Fasick, Division Manager, presents the first high hat with its feather to Wynton R. Dangelmayr, Manager of Bowdoin Square Business Office. The hat will be presented each month to the Metropolitan Business Office having the highest service rating. If that office is also the highest in the Company the red feather will

accompany the hat. Looking on are some of the personnel of the office who contributed to the high rating. Left to right, they are: Business Office Supervisors Barbara R. Brown and Mary E. Horgan, Service Representative Ellen C. McDonnell, Mr. Fasick, District Manager Walter M. Crotty, Mr. Dangelmayr, Teller Helen M. Ward and Order Writer Gertrude M. Conboy.

DINNER

Club "21" of the Malden Traffic Office held their semi-annual get-together recently at the Gay Nineties, Boston. After an enjoyable dinner, dancing was also enjoyed.



CONFERENCE

A Central Office conference was held recently at the Parkway Traffic Chief Operator's desk to discuss current office problems. Those present were, left to right: Bessie F. Curran, Cecelia Gillis, Theresa C. Coneys and Gertrude Rogan.



TRAINING CONFERENCE

A group of Metropolitan Traffic Supervisory personnel who attended a

Training Conference for Manual Office held recently in the Gold Room, Hotel Commander, Cambridge, is shown above.



TRANSFER PARTY

Roxbury Information Traffic entertained Mary C. Toomey recently at Blinstrub's Village on the occasion of her transfer to the PBX Depart-

ment. Mary was presented a corsage and a wrist watch, a gift from her former associates. Seated at the head table were: Marion Cannon, Miss Toomey, Margaret F. Shea and Catherine Manning.



SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

Edward J. Gallagher, District Traffic Superintendent, was recently presented his 30-year service emblem by Sewall A. Jones, Metropolitan Division Traffic Superintendent. Those present during the presenta-

tion were: Paul J. Eaton, Francis J. Thompson, Frederic S. Mann, Otto H. Schmidt, Edward M. Prindle, Jr., Thomas H. Mahoney, Jr., Edmund G. Wilson, Gordon C. Joyce, Charles J. Stenz, Eliot C. French, Wilmot H. Smith, John Adams and Edward Fanning.



BRIDAL SHOWER

Catherine C. Coakley, Needham Traffic, was the guest at a shower held recently by her associates, at which time she was presented many useful gifts in honor of her marriage to William J. Lane, at the Sacred Heart Church, Newton Centre. Those attending the shower were: Cora D. Henderson, Ethel M. Kurbitz, Mary A. Burak, Joanna T. Shea, Lillian M. Mathews, Florence

M. Droney, Marjorie E. Cookson, Mary J. Larkin, Miss Coakley, Margaret M. Shea, Helen A. Noonan, Dorothy Doherty, Eileen V. Mulherin, Dorothy L. Sullivan, Jean L. Blake, Genevieve A. Slavin, Katherine Dorgan, Kathleen Poutas, Gertrude Norton, Margaret King, Helen R. Whalen, Margaret Lane, Florence J. Russo, Elizabeth M. Cobb, Dorothy M. McNulty, Mary L. Allen, Mary A. Curtis and Winifred L. Blake.



MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

A miscellaneous shower was held recently for Mary J. McLaughlin, Lexington Traffic, at the home of Rosalie Burri, at which time she was the recipient of many useful gifts in honor of her approaching marriage to John J. Walsh, employed in the Plant Department. Those attending the shower were, left to right, first row: Aline Campbell, Phyllis I. Noonan, Ella L.

Noonan, Mary J. McLaughlin, Mary C. McGrath, Rosalie A. Burri. Second row: Barbara E. Murphy, Katherine C. Gandy, Barbara L. Kaye, Phyllis M. Wilson, Mary R. McMahan. Standing: Mary T. Crosby, Mildred E. Cox, Margaret H. Adam, Mary R. MacGillivray, Eleanor L. Sanders, Jean L. MacNutt, Ruth E. Woodbury, Helen M. Sullivan, Dorothy A. McDonnell, Marion O. Moakley, Hazel F. Mahoney.

Hobby Exhibitions

Laura J. Levesque, Hobby Supervisor, recently announced the following hobby exhibitions: Antique Valentines at the Lynn Public Library and at 8 Harrison Ave., Rm. 203; Antique Fans in a window of the building at 201 State St., Boston; Button Show at the Hotel Lenox, Boston (April 12).



"Is the man of the house in?"



FRIENDLY FAREWELL

A dinner party was held recently at the Hotel Sheraton for Ella U. Shaughnessy, Instructor in the Traffic PBX School, in honor of her retirement from active service with the Company. Ella was presented a silver horseshoe with greenbacks from her many friends and associates. Among those present were: Mary A. O'Brien, Ralph E. Smith, Miss Shaughnessy, John Adams, Ann Gately, Sylvia McDermott, Catherine Cleary, Lillian F. Orchard, Beatrice Hackett, Marion L. Bagwell, Rita C. Kelley, Gertrude F. Flaherty, Mary A.

Toomey, Myrtle A. Long, Josephine E. Desmond, Elizabeth L. Breen, Mary Donovan, Mildred F. O'Brien, Gertrude Flaherty, Julia B. Lyons, Helen V. Kiniry, Marguerite V. Kennedy, Marion L. Sullivan, Anna E. Gillis, Alice Morris, Elizabeth Sullivan, Mabel Candow, Ruth A. Avery, Helen T. Carey, Eileen V. Murphy, Mary A. Keane, Erina J. Donovan, Mary E. Moran, Anna E. McCarthy, Margaret McNamara, Marguerite C. Kennedy, Elizabeth Fitzgibbons, Catherine J. O'Brien, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Winifred G. Bath, Margaret McLaughlin and Olive Hollins.



PARTY FOR THREE

At Blinstrub's Village recently the Everett Traffic girls held a party for three brides, Mary E. Collins, Gertrude M. Ryan and Mae K. LePage, at which time a set of silver was presented Mary, and a purse of money to Mae and Gertrude. Those attending the party were, seated around the table, left to right: Mary E. Tholen, Miss Ryan, Miss Collins,

Miss LePage, Helen Kelleher, Frances P. Mullen, Katherine Pearson, Mary E. McDonald, Hazel M. Friel, Emily K. Maddison, Jean H. O'Brien, Ethel A. Frederickson. Standing: Louise A. Dooley, Grace M. Foley, Audrey M. Loughlin, Anna C. Emmart, Mary V. O'Neil, Irene E. Gallagher, Mary E. Toth, Helen V. Dwyer, Esther L. Ceconi, Marilyn McGuiness.



MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Florence G. McCormack was the guest of honor recently at the home of Arlene Marsh at a miscellaneous shower in honor of her marriage to Joseph Fortunato of Medford. Florence received many gifts from her Ocean Traffic friends. Those attending the shower were: Ethel W. Sears, Joseph Fortunato, Florence G. McCormack, Margaret

A. Curry, Margaret Murray, Dorothy M. Doyle, Beatrice Cataldo, Jennie A. Russo, Geraldine St. George, Eunice Ivaldi, Teresa M. Monahan, Grace A. Kelly, Barbara MacDonald, Josephine Brenna, Dorothy R. Russo, Rose T. Conti, Lillian T. Donahue, Eileen A. Maggioni, Elizabeth Ezekial, Claire E. Magee, Ruth L. Cronan, Doris M. Atkinson, Catherine Kelly and Mary L. Kelly.



A pre-nuptial dinner and shower was held recently for Jean Burns of CLR Unit No. 2, Boston Toll Traffic, at Blinstrub's Village, at which time she was presented a purse of money in the form of a family budget from her friends pictured at the left.

Florida Orange Filling (Continued from Page 28)

Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup canned Florida orange juice to the beaten egg yolk; add sugar and cornstarch and mix thoroughly. Heat remaining orange juice in top part of double boiler. Add to egg mixture and return to double boiler. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened, cover and cook 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat, add butter and salt; cool. Makes enough filling for cake roll 15 x 10 inches.

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A pre-nuptial shower at the Copley Square Hotel was attended by the many friends and associates of Mary McLane, Boston Toll Traffic, at which time she was presented a corsage and miscellaneous gifts. Mary will become the bride of Donald K. McLeod in the near future. Mary A. Murphy and Charlotte Fraser were in charge of the party.



PARKWAY SHOWER AT GRANVILLE HALL

Marie A. Sullivan, Parkway Traffic Operator, was surprised by her associates at a pre-nuptial shower held recently at Granville, at which time she was presented a purse of money from her friends. Marie became the bride of Richard Shaughnessey at the Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale. Those attending the shower were: Margaret G. Kane, Helen Schein, Margaret A.

Henry, Mrs. John Sullivan, Richard Shaughnessey, Marie A. Sullivan, Dorothy M. Shea, Mary F. O'Brien, Rita G. Meyers, Edith Gormley, Mary Gookin, Marguerite O'Brien, Eleanor F. Walsh, Dorothy J. Shone, Shirley Kepple, Gwendolyn Fitzgerald, Mary A. McGlynn, Florence Caffray, Alice S. Whittemore, Grace M. O'Donnell, Ann G. Barry, Virginia Cronin, Marjorie A. Kelley, Phyllis Keenan, Rita F. Flynn, Margaret O'Malley, Mildred W. Sullivan and Katherine Hanlon.



BELMONT ENTERTAINS AT CLUB 100

Recently, Alice V. McAdoo, Belmont Traffic, was tendered a party in honor of her recent marriage to Charles R. McBride, employed in the General Engineer's Office,

at which time she was the recipient of many gifts from her friends and former associates pictured above. Charles and Alice were married at St. Peter's Church in Cambridge and plan to make their home in Belmont.



CHOSEN "MISS DOYLE POST"

Mildred L. Magnusson, C.L.R., Unit 4, Boston Toll, recently attended a Valentine dance at the Hotel Bradford sponsored by the William Doyle Post, Hyde Park, for World War II Veterans, and won a beauty contest, giving her the title of "Miss Doyle Post." A gold loving cup was presented her by Jacques Renard. Mildred is an active member in the Wounded Servicemen's group in Boston Toll.

DANCE COMMITTEE

A semi-formal social dance is being planned by the members of the Emanon Club, to be held at the Hotel Sheraton on Friday evening, May 9. Mal Hallett's Orchestra is engaged for the evening. Everyone is welcome to attend and an enjoyable evening is guaranteed to all. The club is composed of a group of girls from CLR Unit 5, Boston Toll, and the committee is composed of Rita M. Carty, chairman, Gerine F. Hawes, Margaret E. Mulkern and Elizabeth M. Ahern.



Revenue

Accounting Weddings

Veronica Holland of the General Toll Unit was married recently to James V. Hefferman at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester. Following a reception at the Copley Plaza Hotel, the couple left on a trip to New York. A few days before the wedding Veronica was guest of honor at a shower at the home of Marie Cronin Gray in Medford.

Rosalie Woodbury of the Entry Unit was married recently to James Lyons of Cambridge. The ceremony was performed at St. John's Church, Cambridge, followed by a reception at the bride's home. On the day she left, she was presented shower gifts for her new home.

Doris Ryan of the Sorting Unit was married recently to Robert E. Robinson. The ceremony was performed at St. John's Methodist Church, Watertown, and following a reception the couple left on a trip to New York. Just prior to the wedding, Doris was presented miscellaneous gifts by her Accounting friends.

Alyce Phillips of the Sorting Unit was married to Barney Roth recently at Our Lady of the Presentation Church, Brighton. After a wedding reception the couple left on a trip to New York. Alyce was presented shower gifts by her Accounting friends.

Wedding Bells

Mary E. Gallagher, Kirkland Traffic, was recently married to Garrett McLaughlin of Dorchester. Her associates presented her a purse of money prior to her resignation.



PRE-NUPTIAL SHOWER

A shower was held in honor of Myra Boyle, Dedham Traffic, at the Dedham Community Club recently, at which time she was presented many beautiful gifts,

including a fan of money from her friends and fellow-workers pictured above. Myra was married to Vincent Shea at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Hyde Park.



HULL ENTERTAINS AT CORAL GABLES

The Hull Traffic girls recently held a farewell party for Marion F. Deady at Coral Gables, Hingham, on the occasion of her recent marriage to Harold Gildersleeve. Marion was presented many gifts among which was a purse of money. Among those attending the party were:

Miss Deady, Teresa A. Casey, Mary M. O'Brien, Anna L. Glawson, Hazel W. Flint, Mary F. Meade, Marie Coyne, Arline C. Kelly, Esther C. Scully, Florence E. A. Caffey, Virginia G. Quilty, Helen C. Connolly, Mary M. Mooney, Margaret Bradley, Ruth F. Schein, Frances E. Melvin, Mary T. Collins, Katherine Campbell, Catherine I. McCarthy and Katherine M. Sullivan.

Engagements

Patricia A. Rull, Roxbury Information, is receiving congratulations from her associates upon the recent announcement of her engagement to John F. Varga of the Equipment Installation Department.

Dolores T. Gormley, also of Roxbury Information Traffic, is receiving congratulations on her recent engagement to Joseph Glennon of Medford.



PRE-NUPTIAL PARTY

Prior to her recent marriage Mrs. Burton Plumer, the former Marjorie A. Ford, Teller in the Quincy Business

Office (center, head table), was honored at a shower at the Winfield House, Quincy, by her associates. She was presented many gifts. Her mother, Mrs. Harry F. Vinton, was also a guest at the shower.



RECEIVES EMBLEM

Frederick J. Pearse, C.O. Repairman at Boston Toll, is

shown receiving his 40-year emblem from Ralph Y. Scott, Superintendent Boston Toll Plant, while his co-workers watch.



TRANSFERRED

Sylvester Reinhalter, recently transferred to the Servicing Group from the Public Telephone, was presented a purse by his fellow Metropolitan Commercial workers on the

day of his transfer. Left to right: Kenneth Ryan, Joseph Flynn, Virginia Williams, Bella Young, Mr. Reinhalter, Mary Sullivan, Mabel Winslow, Burr Bronson, Anne McCarthy, Ann Holburn and Charles A. Carroll.

Log Cabin Frosting

(Continued from Page 28)

1½ tablespoons butter
1 cup confectioners' sugar
Dash of salt
1¼ cup maple-flavored syrup

Cream butter; add part of sugar gradually, blending well. Add salt and remaining sugar, alternately with maple-flavored syrup, beating after each addition until smooth.



SURPRISE BRIDAL SHOWER

Parkman Hall on Boylston Place was the scene recently of a surprise shower given in honor of Alice T. Stanton of the Liberty Traffic Office, at which time she was pre-

sented many gifts including a secretarial desk, a desk set and a table radio. Many of Alice's former associates were present at the shower. Recently, Alice became the bride of John Dami in Saint Peter's Church, Dorchester.

Revenue Accounting Weddings

Helen Halloran, Watertown Sorting Unit, married William Corcoran of Brighton recently at St. Joseph's Church, Somerville. Following a reception at the Brightelmstone Club, the couple left on a wedding trip to Florida. Many of Helen's friends attended a miscellaneous shower in her honor at the home of Muriel Lind in Brighton.

Marie Perkins, Revenue Accounting Accounts Unit at Watertown, was married recently to John D. Wilcox of Manchester, N. H. The ceremony was performed at St. Mark's Church, Dorchester, followed by a reception at the bride's home. Prior to the wedding Marie was guest of honor at a shower held at the home of Eleanor Dunn, Brighton. After their wedding trip to New York, the couple are making their home in Dorchester.

Revenue Accounting Engagement

Christiana Jellis, Revenue Accounting Sorting Unit, is receiving the well wishes of her friends upon the announcement of her engagement to Curtis Kirkland of Lexington.

Newcomers

Waltham Traffic welcomes newcomers A. Catherine Murphy and Jacqueline L. Reade.



LIBERTY ENTERTAINS AT GAY NINETIES

Marguerite T. Buckley was the guest at a surprise shower held at the Gay Nineties recently by her Liberty Traffic associates in honor of her recent marriage to Thomas J. Rosebach. Marguerite was the recipient of a purse of money in a floral bouquet. Those attend-

ing were: Edna E. Murphy, Eleanor M. Harvender, Ruth A. Avery, Geraldine Falvey, Dorothy P. McHugh, Mary L. McCarthy, Marjorie Cox, Dorothy M. Donovan, Frances Tobin, Mary T. Donoghue, Ann G. Hart, Rita A. O'Rourke, Marguerite Buckley Rosebach, Helen M. Regan, Mildred V. Morton, Evelyn May, Claire M. Culpin.



"Great man for handling the public. Notice how patiently he's explaining why we can't change the lettering on the dial just because she doesn't like that style of type."

Service Emblems

Wellesley Traffic girls recently congratulated Mary G. McGuire on her twenty-five year anniversary with the Company and Mary B. Considine on her thirty-year anniversary.

Recent Changes in Coin Box Office

The following changes have been made in the Coin Box Office: June Ross was transferred to Teller in the Medford Business Office. James M. Hackett and Charles Carroll have transferred to the Division Servicing Department. John J. F. Doherty has been transferred to Night Manager, Milk Street.



CHIEF OPERATOR RETIRES

On the occasion of her recent retirement from the Company after many years of active service Louise S. Sullivan, Highlands Traffic Chief Operator, was pre-

sented gifts of money and flowers. Those present during the presentation by Traffic Manager Richard F. Cronin were: Mary M. McDonald, Loretta F. Elvin, Alice M. Jordan, Madeline M. McAuley, Margaret R. Callahan, Helen T. Murphy and Eileen L. Cushing.

LADIES ONLY!

A dinner and entertainment specially arranged for the ladies of the Thomas Sherwin Chapter by Mary C. Callahan, *Vice President*.



The following officers have been elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Revenue Accounting Associates at Watertown, left to right, seated: Ann Arrigal, treasurer; Margaret Donnelly, vice president; Helen Lee, president; Ann Tuscher, secretary. Standing: Representatives Jean Cassidy, E. Patricia Murphy, Pauline Sullivan, Rita McCarthy, Rita Walsh, Alice Quinlivan, Agnes Desmond, Isabel Leonard.

IMPERIAL BALLROOM

OF THE HOTEL STATLER

Monday, April 7, 1947, 7 P.M.

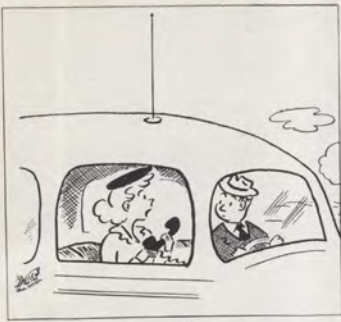
Price per person, \$2.00



FAREWELL AND TRANSFER PARTY

A combination farewell and transfer party was given at Steuben's recently for Alyce Kelley and Kathleen Murphy of the Roxbury Business Office. Miss Kelley left to be married to Thomas Galvin. She was given a set of silver compotes by her associates as a wedding gift. Miss Murphy was transferred to the Back Bay

Office and was given a fitted case by the group. Among those present at the party were: Dorothy Revell, Grace Welch, Marion Garvey, Bunny Madden, Peg Rooney, Miss Murphy, Miss Kelley, Claire Ledwith, Helen Liddell, Lillian McCarthy, Sally Beck, Ann Fleming, Esther Cronin, Mildred Noyes, Helen Fleming, Connie Grant, LaVerne O'Toole, Enid Innis, Peg Jennings, Alice Cullen, Marilyn Carney, Marguerite Daly and Arline McGrath.



"Somebody wants to know if we will call the party in the car behind us to the telephone."

On Thursday evening, February 13, a very enjoyable and successful Valentine dance was held by the Malden girls at the American Legion Hall. More than 150 couples attended the party and danced to the strains of Leo Rior-dan's Orchestra.



The Hingham Traf-fic girls sponsored a successful Valentine dance at the South Shore Coun-try Club on Valen-tine's night, Febru-ary 14. Refresh-ments were served during intermission. The committee was comprised of Fran-ces Higgins, Chair-man; Doris Swini-mer, Betty Jager, Genevieve Weg-more, Barbara Lynch, Anne Ber-nan, Doris Brooke and Jean Slamin.



Metropolitan Commercial

The Servicing Department, Met-ropolitan Commercial, welcomes Joseph E. Burns, Charles A. Carroll, Marvin J. Hackett and Arthur W. Stanfield to its group. Joseph is a new employee with the Company, and Charles and Marvin are trans-fers from the Coin Box Department. Arthur has transferred from the Division Staff.

Engagements

Recent engagements announced in the Arlington Traffic Office are those of Anna Melin to Hadley Horn of Arlington and Mary Col-lins to Arthur Gerrior of Wey-mouth.

Promotions

Highlands Traffic girls extended best wishes to Alice M. Jordan on her recent appointment as Chief Operator and to Lillian M. Dolan on her appointment as Assistant Chief Operator.

Engagement

Patricia Rull is receiving con-gratulations from her Roxbury Information Traffic friends upon the recent announcement of her engagement to John Varga of Everett.



PARTY AT PARKMAN HALL

Marguerite Boudette, Liberty Traffic, was honored recently by her co-workers at a surprise party held at Parkman Hall, Boylston Place, in honor of her

forthcoming marriage to Vincent Beaudette. Mar-guerite was presented many gifts including china, aluminum ware and several personal gifts. Many of Marguerite's former associates attended the shower.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL CENTENNIAL CACHET ENVELOPES

A limited number of the cachet envelopes with an en-closed leaflet giving a brief his-tory of the life of Bell are still available for 10 cents an envelope.

Both types, from Canada with the Canadian Bell Stamp, and from Boston with the Edison stamp, have a March 3 cancella-tion date.

Envelopes may be obtained from Laura J. Levesque, *President* Bell Telephone Stamp Club 8 Harrison Ave., Boston or from Arthur B. Jackson 58 Dean Ave., Centredale 11, R. I.



ROXBURY BUSINESS OFFICE TAKES OVER HIGH HAT

Roxbury Business Office went "high hat" with a service index of 99.6 for the month of February. Harold A. Fasick, Division Manager, presents hat to John M. Dick, Manager. Those participating, reading left to

right, are: Arline M. McGrath, Service Representative; Marilyn T. Carney, Service Representative; Mr. Fasick; Carolina H. Ralston, Business Office Super-visor; Marguerite E. Daly, Teller; John M. Dick; Walter F. Gannon, District Manager; Rita M. Kearsey, Business Office Supervisor; and Margaret B. Jennings, Service Order Clerk.



SURPRISE SHOWER

A surprise shower was held recently at Blinstrub's Village, South Boston, in honor of Catherine M. Grady, CLR, Unit No. 1, Boston Toll Traffic.

following her recent marriage to William V. McDonald at St. Clements Church, West Somerville. Catherine was presented a gift of money from her friends pictured above who attended the party.



DINNER PARTY

The Back Bay Business Office recently held a dinner party at Steuben's Vienna Room for Florence Bond in honor of her transfer from Supervisor at Back Bay to Malden, and for Wilfred Walton, Commercial Representative at Back Bay, who transferred to the Servicing

Dept. Both were presented gifts. Those attending were: Mary Kiley, Winifred Kelly, Theresa Moroney, Marjorie Apalaklis, Catherine Cook, Barbara Robinson, Phylis Williams, Mr. Walton, Mr. Merriman, Alice Cullen, Marjorie Dolloff, Mary Dowd, Joan McGrath, Doris Soucup, Florence Bond, Helen Kupstis and Dorothy Dunn.

Promotion

Congratulations are extended to Barbara Robinson on her recent promotion as Senior Service Representative in the Chelsea Business Office. Miss Robinson was formerly a Service Representative in the Back Bay Office.



"Oh, he hovers over every new man until he finds whether or not they follow our safety regulations."



SHOWER AND DINNER

Mary D. Tierney, Bowdoin Information Traffic, was the guest of honor at a bridal shower and dinner held recently at Steuben's Vienna Room at which time she was presented a purse of money. Seated, left to right: Mary A. Cadigan, Eleanor A. Moynihan, Katharine Thomas,

Grace E. Sweeney, Ethel Merrill,
Anna Johnson, Veronica Maloney,
Mary Scott, Mary D. Tierney.
Standing: Theresa P. Duggan, Mar-
garet R. Hanley, Lillian M. Buckley,
Elinor Glynn, Madeline Ford, Louise
M. Mullen, Marguerite A. Gill,
Virginia E. Ford, Florence R. Hast-
ings, Catherine D. Molloy and
Margaret P. Mulroy.



AUXILIARY SHOWER

The girls in Auxiliary Unit, Boston Toll Traffic, held a bridal shower at Blinstrub's Village recently in honor of Barbara Sweeney. She was presented a purse of money. Barbara recently became Mrs. Thomas Nee. Those present at the shower were, clockwise, left to right: Anna M. Foley, Dorothy

Roche, Eleanor Doyle, Thomas Nee, Barbara Sweeney, Mrs. Joseph Sweeney, Emily G. Harrington, Dorothy McSweeney, Ann F. Fitzgerald, Gertrude M. Smith, Catherine A. Coleman, Mary G. Kearns. Standing: Audrey Simpson, Florence J. Allen, Claire M. Kilduff, Marilyn A. Mace, Ruth F. Germaine, Theresa M. Donnelly, Grace Zarella, Ruth M. Serifini.



SHOWER FOR WALTHAM OPERATOR

At the home of her sister, Helen M. O'Connor was honored recently by her Waltham Traffic associates pictured above at a pre-wedding shower at which time

she was presented many useful gifts. Helen is soon to become the bride of Joseph F. Trapp of Washington, D. C. The party was planned and arranged by Ethelyn F. Berrio, Claire E. McKenna and Mildred Connors.



PUBLIC TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Forty-nine employees from the Public Telephone Department viewed "The Telephone Hour" picture, enjoyed a roast beef dinner, and discussed mutual problems at a conference held recently at the Parker House in Boston. Several constructive suggestions were developed and recommended by the employees in an

effort to arrive at the most efficient method of collecting and handling over \$1,000,000 monthly, about 8% of the gross Company revenue, taken from our 38,737 coin services. Albert F. Ripley, Public Telephone Manager, concluded the meeting by thanking the group for their cooperative spirit and the interest shown in their assignments.



"Notice the executive cut of this garment. . . . Very popular with foremen."

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Stamp Club News

The Bell Telephone Stamp Club will hold its meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7:30 P.M. in Room 203 at 8 Harrison Ave., Boston.

The Club will be represented at the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition. Laura J. Levesque will exhibit three frames.



30TH ANNIVERSARY

Bernard J. Flynn, Burr B. Bronson, Joseph P. Flynn witness the pres-

entation of the 30-year emblem to Coin Counting Manager Charles M. Sisk by Albert F. Ripley.



KENMORE BOWLING TEAMS

Two newly organized bowling teams of Kenmore Traffic girls recently held their meeting at the Kenmore Bowling Alleys and took time out to have a group picture taken.

They are seated, left to right: Helen R. Jennings, Gloria M. Morreo, Eleanor I. Healey, Sylvia A. DeStefano, Mary E. Devlin, Marie E. Conroy. Standing: Lorraine F. Dunne, Marie G. Brown, Theresa E. Walton, Elizabeth R. Long.

Receive Letter from Grateful Subscriber

Because Dedham and Long Distance Operators succeeded in establishing a call to Hollywood from a Dedham home, recently, one subscriber was able to spend three days in Hollywood and three days with her mother in San Francisco. Dorothy Cushman was given the trip, her heart's desire, by the Hearts Desire program originating over radio station WNAC in Boston, partly because of the speed of the operators.

The grateful Mrs. Cushman sent the following letter to Margaret Dooley, Dedham Chief Operator, to express her thanks:

434 Grove Street
Dedham, Mass.

Dear "All":

I want to thank all the telephone office that got a call through to Hollywood, Monday afternoon.

Because of the speed, two minutes, I think, I won an all expense trip to Hollywood with my husband. We go Sunday by plane.

It is Hearts Desire on WNAC that is giving me the trip.

Many thanks to all.

Dorothy Cushman



SEMI-FORMAL DANCING PARTY

Kirkland Traffic girls and their friends held a semi-formal dancing party recently in the Salon Room at the Hotel Sheraton, Boston. Music was furnished by

Baron Hugo's Orchestra. Steve Harrington, one of the members of the band, rendered vocal solos during the evening. The committee in charge was Eleanor Donahue, chairman, assisted by Helen A. Courtney, Mary A. Walsh and Mary Alice O'Connor.



"Centaurus . . . I thought you meant you'd scheduled this exhibition with the Washington Senators."

Friendly Farewell

Theresa M. Curley, Roxbury Information Traffic, recently resigned to enter the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital for training as Laboratory Technician. Theresa received a pen and pencil set from her associates.

The Woburn Traffic girls held their annual Valentine dance on Friday evening, February 14, at the State Armory, Woburn. A prize waltz contest and the selection of Miss Valentine, Phyllis Bucci of Winchester, were the features of this popular social. The committee in charge were: Miriam Donahue, Lorraine McRae, Louise Carpenter, Patricia McEachern, Betty Kelleher and Olive Fossey.



LIBERTY VALENTINE DANCE

A Valentine dance was held on Thursday evening, February 13, at the Lobby Ballroom, Hotel Bradford, by the Liberty Traffic girls. Music was furnished by Freddie Devereaux and his orchestra. The dance was one of the many events planned by the social com-

mittee. Seated, left to right: Josephine M. McGurdy, Mary J. Groden, Claire T. Crowley, Frances M. Murphy, Evelyn Reardon, Mildred V. Morton, Mary J. Donahoe, Edna T. Murphy, Mary H. Doyle, Eleanor M. Harvender, Anna G. Hart. All others attending are shown in the background.

Transferred

Melrose Traffic girls extended best wishes to Marguerite O'Brien, Barbara Van Ambury and Marjorie Daly who recently transferred to Malden.

Engagement

Congratulations to Mildred S. Doe, Kirkland Traffic, on the recent announcement of her engagement to Frank V. Burger of Medford.

Recent Marriage

Congratulations to Edythe V. Hallett, Waltham Traffic, on her recent marriage to Frederick W. Shaw, Jr., of Augusta, Me.

Congratulations

Katherine Campbell, Arlington Traffic, has been chosen a Voice Instructor.

Transferred

Catherine R. Connors, Kirkland Traffic, has been transferred to the Plant Dept.



"Can't you find some other way of getting an inspiration, B. V.?"

Fifth Anniversary

Exhibit

Massachusetts State Button Society

April 12, 1947 10 A.M.-10 P.M.

Outstanding exhibition of antique buttons and historical garments with their original buttons. Buttons for collectors and also many unusual buttons for present-day use.

Here is an opportunity to start a button collection. Button collecting has been number 3 in popularity as a hobby.



VALENTINE SEMI-FORMAL

On Friday evening, February 14, Bowdoin Toll girls held a semi-formal Valentine's dance at the Colonial Room, Hotel Copley Plaza. Music was furnished by Freddie Devereaux's Orchestra. Valentine favors, min-

iature hearts for the boys and cupids for the girls, were distributed to each couple at the beginning of the dance. The committee was composed of Shirley D. McCloud, chairman; Josephine L. Boyd, Mary F. Felton, Helen O'Keefe, tickets, and Margaret A. Flaherty, treasurer.

Southern Division News

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Engagement Announcements

Shirley Robinson, Junior Supervisor at West, is engaged to Raymond Shiel, of Providence, R. I. Claire Sullivan, West Operator, is engaged to Joseph Ryan, of Providence, R. I. Ellen Hanley, West Operator, is engaged to James Adams, of Pawtucket, R. I.

New Operators at West

There has been an intensive training program in progress at West and the following girls have been added to our force: Elizabeth Clabby, Jean Murphy, Anna Bernardo, Josephine Catanzaro, Jean Boorum, Gloria Fagian, Henrietta Matrone, Jeanette Flori, Marie Kelly, Hilda Donella, Evelyn Madonna, Anna Buco, Barbara Moore, Jean Hopkins, Dolores Reynolds, Dolores Budnick, Barbara McAlister, Genevieve Ferrante, Constance Nicholson, Rita Palmer, Rose DeLibero and Rose DeLorenzo.

New Type Bulletin Board Unveiled at Providence Long Distance

The Providence Long Distance Office has introduced something new and colorful in the form of a bulletin board for service results, as pictured below.

Adapting a standard type easel as a support, a mahogany plaque is mounted at the top attached to the easel by means of a toggle bolt. The plaque is arranged so that the performance of Providence on two selected items can be compared periodically with the performance of three other Long Distance Offices on the same items. In the picture, the items of Index and Combined Errors are shown for the Providence, Boston, Salem and

Springfield Offices. Black numbers are inserted when the objective has been reached or exceeded, and red numbers when the objectives have not been reached.

Below the plaque, colored cardboard with the slogan "Our Post-War Objective—Pre-War Service," has been mounted by means of four large headed silver bolts with wing nuts. Inserted into the cardboard are three picture frames. The frames at the left and right show the details of each service item, daily and cumulative respectively. The frame at the bottom is used for displaying Bell System or Company items, customer commendations, and other material of interest to the telephone family.



25TH ANNIVERSARY

Alice Ogle, Pawtucket Operator, recently celebrated her 25th service anniversary. She was entertained at a party in her honor at the Comstock House and was presented a gift by the Sunshine Committee. Left to right, standing: Paul Palmer, Traffic Manager; Miss

Ogle, Ada Tessier, Rita Bessette, Gertrude Tuscher, Gertrude Cinquars, Mary Carty, Ethel Steere, Chief Operator; Katherine Moody, Ruth Renner, Claire Garvin, Ruth Sanderson. Kneeling: Wanda Wilbik, Rita Cosgrove, Helen Bergeron, Jacqueline Bouthillier, Margaret McGuirl, Veronica Burke, Bernadette Brindamour, Claire Dailey.



INFORMATION TRAINING

New Bedford Traffic girls who have recently been trained for Information are, left to right: Ruth Shaw, Mildred Wilde, Ann Griswold and

Ann Devlin. Absent when this picture was taken were: Helen Zawalski, Patricia Muldoon, Jean Houghton, Norma Anderson and Yvette Turgeon.

Easton Traffic News

A surprise party was given for Helen Lincoln of the Easton Traffic Office in honor of her 25th anniversary with the Company. She was presented a bouquet of twenty-five yellow roses and a bottle of perfume. A luncheon was served by Edith Heath. Alva Grahn was also honored at the party. She recently celebrated her birthday. Kay Healy made the presentations.

Warren Traffic Engagements

The following Warren operators recently announced their engagements: Bernadette Rene to Joseph DeRoche of Rehoboth; Rose Chirico to Bernard Lewis Tortorice of Bristol; Muriel Maddox to Pvt. Hermann Gemppe who is now stationed in California; Evelyn M. Turner to Gibson M. Strickland, Conway, S. C.



NEW BULLETIN BOARD

The first picture shows those attending the unveiling of the new bulletin board, left to right, back row: Genevieve Reiss, Supervisor; Patricia Ward, Junior Supervisor; Elizabeth Reynolds, Supervisor; Mary Smith, Supervisor; and Mary Hynes, Junior Supervisor. Front row: Aida Maiorani, Super-

visor; Cecelia Thomasian, Supervisor; Harriett McCullough, Supervisor; Claire Young, Junior Supervisor; and Emma O'Brien, Assistant Chief Operator. Standing at the bulletin board are Sarah Coyle, Chief Operator, and Robert O. Anthony, District Traffic Supervisor. The second picture shows the board.



Helen A. Murphy, Wareham Operator, was the guest of honor at a party held recently at the Harbor, Marion, honoring her 30th anniversary with the Company. Walter Rankin, New Bedford District Traffic Superintendent, presented her her sapphire pin, while her co-workers gave her a money bouquet.

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SAFETY AWARD

Thomas L. Regan, Southern Division Safety Supervisor, is shown receiving on behalf of the Company the award of the Rhode Island Department of Labor for winning

their first annual statewide interfleet safety contest. The contest period, from October 1, 1946, to December 31, 1946, was marked in the Southern Division by only one lost-time accident. Over 400 companies participated in the contest.



PROVIDENCE BASKETBALL TEAM

The "Telephone Belles" of the Providence Commercial Office have just completed a successful season as members of the R. I. Girls' Basketball League, conducted by the Y.W.C.A. The team was organized last December by Marjorie Hargreaves, Business Office Supervisor, who has coached the team through its first season. The team is now looking forward to next

year's season and hopes to be league champion. Members of the team are, left to right, front row: Audrey Rose, Ruth Martin, Mary Kindelan, Frances Graben, Captain; Marguerite Barwick, Dixie Coletti. Back row: Marjorie Hargreaves, Coach; Elinor Newmarker, Dorothy Fogarty, Gloria Del Papa, Mary Farley, Helen McLaughlin, Mary Donnelly, Helen Drew, Business Manager; and the Scorekeeper, Rita Barry. Not present when the picture was taken was Frances Patenaude.



REST ROOM SUPERVISORS MEET

Southern Division Rest Room Supervisors met recently in Providence to discuss accident prevention, proper supervision of operators' quarters, and the proper handling of personnel matters. The meeting was conducted by Robert S. Hayes, Division Traffic Personnel Supervisor, and Jean Connell, Division Traffic Welfare Supervisor. Walter L. Dignam, General Office, discussed "What Is New in Decoration of Operators' Quarters." Harold E. Marr, Division Traffic Superintendent, discussed the service results of 1946 and other personnel matters. Evelyn Kiley, Supervisor of Opera-

tors' Quarters, Boston, was also a guest. The accident prevention picture, "The Easiest Way," was shown. Seated, left to right: Ann Ward, Brockton; Ann Weston, Providence; Irene Flynn, Woonsocket; Mary Heffernan, Newport; Anne Mason, East Providence; Jessie Considine, Providence; Edith O'Toole, Fall River; Hilda Nelson, New Bedford; Rose McGunigal, Taunton; Kathryn Waters, Senior Clerk, Division Office; Bessie Hawkins, Pawtucket; Harriett Featherstone, Pawtucket; Helen Morrison, Providence; Bessie Fearnley, Providence; and Henrietta Fritscher, Providence. Standing, left to right: Robert Hayes, Walter Dignam and Jean Connell.

Valentine Remembrance

Margaret Adamson, a retired employee, remembered her former associates in the Providence Revenue Accounting Office in a unique way on Valentine's Day. Each unit of the office received a large basket overflowing with candies and tokens of St. Valentine and Cupid.

New Representatives

Two new representatives have been appointed for 1947 as Representatives of the Providence Revenue Accounting Association: Eleanor Rolfe for the Service Order Department; and Marguerite Boyle for the Rating and Toll Recording Department.

Engagements

The following girls from the Providence Revenue Accounting Department became engaged: Mary Fahey to Ernest Manera and Yvonne Brown to Alan Mair.

New Students

Pauline La Croix is a new student at Taunton No. 2. Collette Emond has been transferred back to Taunton No. 2 after working in Falmouth for the past year.



INWARD SERVICE DEMONSTRATION TEAM

A team of twelve inward operators and one supervisor are demonstrating the fine points of inward operating currently at Providence Long Distance. Voice work, friendliness, and all that combines to make personalized service, as well

as the technique items so essential at inward, are displayed by the team. Closely associated with the inward positions used for demonstration purposes is the table and chair arrangement pictured in the foreground above. It allows six people at a time to listen in on the team.



PAWTUCKET SERVICE ADVISERS

The group of girls shown here with the Chief Operator range in service from about one month to several years. They meet with the Chief Operator weekly to discuss service problems and to help in the office planning. The name service adviser

explains just about what they do, because they pass on to management the ideas which they develop right at the switchboard. Each month a new group is chosen. Left to right: Irene Dunham, Margaret Sullivan, Ethel Steere, Chief Operator; Esther Archambault, Theresa Casault and Rosalie Hannaway.



40TH ANNIVERSARY

Edward T. Beauchemin, Pawtucket Installer-Repairman, is shown receiving his 40th anniversary em-

blem from Robert C. Morse, District Plant Superintendent, as Alexander D. MacIsaac, PBX Foreman, and John C. McManus, Wire Chief, watch the presentation.

Advertisements

Employees, both active and retired, wishing to advertise anything for sale, rent or exchange, may do so in *Telephone Topics* without charge.

WANTED

FOR ADULT FAMILY of four—two Company employees—unfurnished 5 or 6 room apartment, vicinity of Dorchester. Call Mrs. G. L. Kelley, BLUE-hills 1224. M-2

2-3-4 ROOM apartment in Boston suburb for two adults. Call P. H. Murdy, STADIUM 5159. M-2

EMPLOYEE and wife want kitchenette apartment, 2-5 rooms, up to \$60.00 per month. Boston or suburbs. Excellent references. Call HIGHLANDS 0660. M-2

TO BUY, LEASE, OR RENT 4 or 5 room bungalow preferably 25 miles west or south of Boston. Send full information to H. F. Mosses, P. O. Box 363, Islington, Mass. M-2

GENERAL PLANT employee, wife, infant son require 3-5 room unfurnished apartment anytime before June 1. Call SHERWIN 9800, extension 4652. M-2

TELEPHONE TOPICS is anxious to fill its files of past issues which have been drained by constant requests. Copies of the June and August, 1945, issues and the January, February, March, April, May, June, and August, 1946, issues would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to Room 112, 50 Oliver Street, Boston. M-2

FOUR OR FIVE-ROOM unfurnished apartment in Malden or vicinity needed by Veteran's wife and four-year-old daughter. Please call COLUMBIA 4107, Mrs. Jean Beaudet. M-2

WILL PAY BONUS for 2-3 room apartment for two adults in Boston or vicinity. Call SHERWIN 9800, extension 4544. A-2

ANYWHERE within commuting distance of Boston, employee, wife, and four-year-old daughter want to rent 4-5 room apartment. Call John Charron, HIGHLANDS 9957. A-2

B FLAT wooden clarinet for advanced student. Call MEL-rose 2601. A-2

UNFURNISHED 2-3-4 room apartment in vicinity of Chelsea, Everett, Malden, by newly married couple, about June 1. Call SHERWIN 9800, extension 2134. A-2

COTTAGE in Cohasset, Scituate or Nantasket, on or near beach, to rent. Would like 6 or 7 rooms. Please call GENeva 2113 after 6 P.M., Mildred R. Hickey. A-2

OLD COINS to complete my collection of bust type half dollars. Also need Bennington, Vt., and Maine commemorative half dollar. Ralph G. Longfellow, Box 14, Wollaston, Mass., or call SHERWIN 9800, extension 2515. A-2

WANTED

APARTMENT or house, Medford preferred, for employee facing immediate eviction. Call SHERWIN 9800, extension 2105. M-2

FOR SALE

5 ROOM COTTAGE in Dennisport, modern bath, heater-lator, fireplace, pine-panelled den, 6 foot cabinet sink, copper tubing throughout, 85 gallon water tank, Burk pump, screened porch. Cottage sets well back from street, about 15,000 feet land, landscaped with rock garden and grape arbor. Flagstone terrace. Good land for garden or extra house lot. Extra large garage. Handy to beach, stores. Price \$8,700. Write I. W. Moran, 12 Prospect Avenue, Brockton 46. Telephone Brockton 775. M-2

DISCOUNT for Telephone employees only on jewelry and watches. Call J. H. Weiner, 245 State Street, Boston. SHERWIN 9800, extension 4707. M-2

RADIO, National NC-46 High Frequency Receiver and Speaker, 4 ranges covering broadcast to 30 MC shortwave bands, 10 tubes, AC-DC. Used about 3 months and in A-1 condition. Very reasonable price. Call Mr. Edwards, SOMERSET 1953. M-2

SILVER FOXES, one pair. Call Nashua, N. H., 2446 after 5 P. M. M-2

WESTERN ELECTRIC hearing aid, model 63A. Used only two hours — patient decided against wearing an aid. Hearing Aids Company will make free examination for purchaser. Write F. E. Waters, Room 201, 50 Oliver Street, Boston. A-2

MARVEL DE LUXE 6 string guitar, blonde finish, never used, pre-war quality, cost \$60. Price for quick sale \$35. J. L. Harrigan, LYNN 3-9923. A-2

IRISH SETTER pups, A.K.C. registered, champion stock, fine healthy pups. James Finn, 127 Dana Avenue, Hyde Park, call HYDe Park 2411-M. A-2

SIDEWALK BICYCLE, boy's model. Red and white frame, balloon tires. In excellent condition. Call SHERWIN 9800, extension 2891 or WOBurn 1583. A-2

FOR RENT

FURNISHED ROOM with kitchen privileges for woman. Call EVERETT 2978-W any morning before 11:30 or any evening after 8:30. A-2

ROOMS at The Breakers Lodge at Hampton Beach, N. H. Write or call Mrs. Edith H. Galloway at the Lodge, Hampton 308. A-2

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JUNIOR SUPERVISORS

Alma E. Bernard and Eileen V. Stockard of Newport, Vt., Traffic Department have recently com-

pleted a Junior Supervisory course. Left to right: Cecelia Mangan, District Instructor; Miss Bernard, Miss Stockard.

Leominster News

Margaret E. Raher has been appointed Schedule Clerk, replacing Ruth E. Reynolds, who recently became the bride of George Flagg at a ceremony held at St. Cecilia's Church, Leominster.

The following engagements were recently announced: Pauline Fontaine to George Suprenant of Fiskdale; June Regan to Russell Brown; Barbara Landers to Nelson H. Kouns; Marie Shannon to Paul Gagne; and Eileen Moore to Albert Chapas of Chicago.

Dinner Party

Forty friends and fellow workers attended a dinner held recently at the Buena Vista Dairy Bar in Windsor, Vt., for Claire H. Farrell, Service Representative in the White River Jct. Office, who is now on leave of absence, and for Francis Campbell, Installer-Repairman, also of White River, who is being transferred to Barre, Vt. Clyde P. Richards, Service Foreman, on behalf of the group, presented gifts of money to the guests of honor. Dancing was enjoyed by all.

Transfer

John J. Whalen was recently transferred from the Revenue Accounting Department in Springfield to the Manchester, N. H., Office as Chief Toll Supervisor. He was honored at a farewell party at the Hotel Highland in Springfield where he received a purse from his friends in the Springfield Office.

Newcomer

Thomas F. Donahue was welcomed to the Springfield Revenue Accounting Office where he recently started his student training.



30TH SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

Katherine M. Brennan, Coin Box Department, celebrated her 30th service anniversary recently and was awarded the appropriate emblem by Ralph E. Jones, Division Manager. On behalf of the office force Miss Brennan also received a corsage and a handbag.

Left to right: Edward J. McGinnis, Beatrice Moran, Barbara D. Elliott, James W. S. Mears, Margaret O'Connell, Alice Ronayne, Frederick G. Pierce, Miss Brennan, Robert A. Gibson, Mr. Jones, Elmer A. Wagner, Bryant M. Patten, Robert W. Murdick, Exie E. Geoffrion, Robert Meyer.

Rutland Marriage

Lorraine Layden of the Rutland, Vt., Traffic Office, was married to Edward Kelley at Christ the King Church in Rutland on February 10.

Rutland, Vt., Engagements

Philippa M. Barrett to Joseph Merchant; Mary V. Cioffi to Gerald Lefrancois; Ruth Fredette to Charles McGinnis; Regina Valenty to Miles Pratico; and Mary Lou Weir to Raymond Murphy.

Rutland Items

Local operators welcomed to the Rutland, Vt., exchange include Mary C. Alfonso, Anne M. Denardo, Rose M. Fusco, Carolyn M. Marsan and Geraldine F. Russell.

Rutland, Vt., Traffic recently welcomed Ethel Bloomfield as a transfer from Hollis, L. I.



DINNER PARTY

A dinner party was held recently at the Black Cat Cafe in Burlington, Vt., in honor of Ruth M. Cronin, former Toll Assistant Chief Operator, who has been appointed Chief Operator in Newport, Vt. Pictured at the head table are, left to right: Edwin M. Beebe, Business Manager; W. Carmelita Dooley, Toll Assistant

Chief Operator; W. Everett Green, Superintendent; Miss Cronin, Madison B. Cole, Traffic Manager in Burlington; Helen L. Johnson, Chief Operator; Albert E. Leland, Traffic Manager in Rutland, Vt. Miss Cronin was presented a combination "Wake up to Music," alarm clock and radio, and a wallet containing fifty dollars.



Carmi J. Duso, Installer-Repairman at Enosburg Falls, Vt., recently brought down a black bear weighing 300 pounds. It took four shots to down him permanently although any one of the shots would have been fatal. Carmi says the hardest part was hauling the bear back to camp.



MATT B. JONES SOCIAL

Pioneers of the Matt B. Jones Council in the Brattleboro Area recently enjoyed a roast beef dinner and social evening at the Hill Home barn in Brattleboro, Vt. Roy Pollard was in charge of the affair ably assisted by Mrs. Pollard. Attending were: Miss Murphy,

Lena Bush, Mrs. Wm. LaClair, Mrs. Roy Pollard, Katherine Colombo, Mrs. E. L. Waterman, W. Fairbanks, Mrs. C. E. Reynolds, Mrs. W. Fairbanks, Maud Rounds, Mrs. C. Burnham, Alice Dunklee, Dan Murphy, C. E. Reynolds, H. C. Shaw, Ross Darling, Roy M. Pollard, E. L. Waterman, Wm. LaClair, Leslie Ramsey, Mr. Bush and C. F. Burnham.



Rutland, Vt., operators held a Valentine dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall on February 15. Music was furnished by Ray Clark's Orchestra of Middlebury, Vt. The dance chairman, Betty Connell, left, was assisted by Madeline Gosselin and Philippa Barrett.



BASKETBALL TEAM

The Fitchburg girls basketball team won the Industrial League championship and were awarded gold basketballs. They are, first row, left to right: Beatrice Belliveau, Evelyn Raposa, Corrine M. Jamieson, Phyllis M. Renda. Standing,

left to right: Barbara J. McCue, Manager; Ruth L. Worcester, Elizabeth M. Kolazyk, Margaret J. Welch, Janet M. Dezingas, Constance A. Casavoy, Albert E. Congram, Assistant Coach. John M. Alden, Coach, was not present when picture was taken.



35TH ANNIVERSARY

Graham H. Marshall, Service Foreman at Pittsfield, recently received his 35-year service pin from John

V. O'Brien, Wire Chief. Left to right: Chester F. Reynolds, John A. Gardner, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Marshall and Frederick C. Pomeroy.

Great Barrington Marriages

Hazel E. Gorham, an Operator in the Great Barrington Traffic Office, was married recently to Joseph Wool, Jr.

Virginia C. Saterfield, also an Operator in the Great Barrington Traffic Office, was married to Daniel J. Flynn, Jr.

Marriages

Two recent brides from the Revenue Accounting Department were Ella Tassinari and Theresa DeNucci. Miss Tassinari was married to Gilbert Boutin at St. Ann's in West Springfield, and Miss DeNucci to John F. Hennessy at Mt. Carmel's Church in Springfield.

DINNER DANCE

A dinner dance was held recently at the Southwick Country Club by the Springfield Central Office Maintenance Association. Robert Hyland was elected as the president for 1947 and also acted as master of ceremonies.



SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

25 YEARS' SERVICE (Continued)

Harry D. Felton, Central Plant
 George H. Oulton, Central Plant
 Francis E. Reilly, Central Plant
 Paul R. Josephson, Central Plant
 William T. Howarth, Central Plant
 Thomas S. F. Donovan, Equipment Install.
 Francis J. Keating, Equipment Installation
 Terrence E. Kelley, Metropolitan Plant
 Frank R. Kelly, Metropolitan Plant
 Charles J. McKenney, Metropolitan Plant
 Patrick H. McCarrick, Metropolitan Plant
 Frank L. Cheney, Metropolitan Plant
 Daniel A. Hughes, Metropolitan Plant
 Joseph G. Kerrigan, Metropolitan Plant
 Walter I. Norton, Metropolitan Plant
 Frank E. Clingan, Metropolitan Plant
 Albert E. Crawford, Metropolitan Plant
 William Corey, Metropolitan Plant
 Francis E. O'Brien, Metropolitan Plant
 Robert J. Barrett, Metropolitan Plant
 James A. Goggin, Metropolitan Plant
 Daniel H. Anderson, Metropolitan Plant
 Eugene W. Murphy, Metropolitan Plant
 Edward J. Hughes, Metropolitan Plant
 Henry J. Wymer, Metropolitan Plant
 Oscar P. Hebert, Metropolitan Plant
 George V. Flynn, Metropolitan Plant
 Alfred S. Winslow, Metropolitan Plant
 Gustav D. Vogel, Metropolitan Plant
 James E. Murphy, Metropolitan Plant
 William F. White, Metropolitan Plant
 James C. Grant, Metropolitan Plant
 Frank B. Giordano, Metropolitan Plant
 John L. Hughes, Metropolitan Plant
 Patrick J. McMasters, Metropolitan Plant
 Louis R. Doucet, Metropolitan Plant
 Leo J. Conley, Southern Plant
 Henry S. Draper, Southern Plant
 James C. Godbee, Southern Plant
 Emile Joseph Laro, Southern Plant
 James H. McGill, Southern Plant
 Leon J. Roberts, Southern Plant
 John M. Weekes, Southern Plant
 Elmer H. Whiting, Southern Plant
 Robert S. Brown, Western Plant
 Martin J. Finn, Western Plant
 William M. Gearin, Western Plant
 Robert B. Harvey, Western Plant
 Walter C. Martin, Western Plant
 Patrick W. Sullivan, Western Plant
 Louise G. Slane, Metropolitan Traffic
 Mary G. McGuire, Metropolitan Traffic
 Frank A. Hingston, General Plant
 Margaret M. Kennedy, General Plant
 Frank J. Huber, General Plant
 Joseph T. Cashman, Central Plant
 Harry H. Knight, Central Plant
 Joseph D. Shea, Central Plant
 Gertrude M. Norton, Metropolitan Traffic
 Alice E. Enos, Metropolitan Traffic
 Francis W. Davis, Southern Traffic
 Kathryn B. Clancy, Western Traffic
 Bertha C. Riley, Western Traffic
 Irene E. Barrett, Western Traffic
 Ruth E. Reynolds, Western Traffic
 Edwin Haid, General Plant
 Thomas J. Copley, Central Plant
 Ralph A. Williams, Central Plant
 Norman D. McLoon, Central Plant
 Otis R. Wright, Central Plant



No Fooling

Mother: "So you're not afraid to go to the hospital—that's a good little boy."

Little Boy: "But I ain't gonna let 'em palm off a baby on me like they did you—I wanna pup!"

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Slow-poke

Neighbor: "Where is your brother, Willie?"

Willie: "He's in the house playing a duet. I finished my part first."

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Versatile

A young man was anxious to have his fortune told. He went to a swami. As he sat at the table he noticed the crystal ball had two holes in it.

"What's the idea of the holes?" he asked.

"On Wednesday nights," explained the swami, "I go bowling."

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Crossroads

An airman had to parachute to safety owing to engine trouble. On his way down through space he met an old lady floating up.

"Hey!" he shouted, "have you noticed a Spitfire going down?"

"No," replied the old lady. "Have you seen a gas stove going up?"

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Get Around

Mother: "Where do bad little girls go?"

Daughter: "Most everywhere."

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Needs Some 'elp

A young fellow went into a store to buy a string for his violin and upon reaching the music counter was waited on by a green girl.

"Lemme' have an E string," he told her.

She ducked down behind the counter and searched, then went away and was gone for some time. Finally she came back and thrust at him the entire assortment of strings in the shop.

"Pick it hout yerself, would yer, Mister," she begged, "I can't tell the blinkin' 'e's from the she's."

Faith of Youth

Little Eddie was almost finished with his nightly prayers. "Bless my mama, bless my papa, bless Aunt Kate, and please make St. Louis the capital of Missouri."

"Why, darling," exclaimed his mother, "why did you say such a thing?"

"Because," answered Eddie, snuggling down under his blanket, "that's what I put on my examination paper."

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Visitor

Plumber: "I've come to fix the old tub in the kitchen."

The Son: "Ma, here's the doctor to see the cook."

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The Whistle Way

The young sailor entered a jewelry store to buy his girl's ring.

He picked up a sparkling diamond and asked its price.

"That one is \$100," said the jeweler gently.

The young man whistled in surprise. He pointed to another and asked, "How about that one?"

"That one, sir," said the jeweler still more gently, "is two whistles!"

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Twain Speaks

When Mark Twain was editor of a small Missouri newspaper, he got a letter from a subscriber saying he had found a spider in his paper. He wanted to know if it was a good or bad omen.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

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Pun

"Eavesdropping again," said Adam as his wife fell out of the tree.

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Going Home

Sign on a war plant bulletin board—FOR SALE, one pair city shoes; owner returning to Arkansas.